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Senate Panel Reports Budget With Cutoff Date For New Medicaid Expansion Enrollment

The biennial budget is headed to the Senate floor after it received another round of extensive changes, including a provision that would cut off new enrollment in the Medicaid expansion population after July 1, 2018.

The Senate Finance Committee accepted the latest revisions to the measure (HB 49), most of which were contained in an omnibus amendment (Senate GOP Synopsis), before reporting it Tuesday evening on a 9-2 party-line vote. Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) recused himself based on his involvement in a Kent State University program.

The bill is slated for a Senate floor vote Wednesday.

Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton) said the budget reduced overall spending by \$1.055 billion from the as-introduced version. The Senate built on prior reductions made by the House, while significantly changing numerous policy provisions.

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said it was the chamber's goal to ensure the budget was balanced.

"I think that things look pretty good right now overall fiscally," he said, adding that the Senate reduced GRF spending in the measure by more than the \$800 million gap that was previously announced. "We are anticipating revenue numbers and Medicaid caseloads coming in this week that will take the gap above that and instead of waiting until conference the Senate tried very hard to make sure that we closed 100% of it this week."

"I've had some very positive conversations with the governor and with the speaker and while we have limited time, I anticipate things going pretty well overall," he added. "I think we're all focused on the same things; on making sure first and foremost that Ohio has a balanced budget and we meet our constitutional requirement but also making sure that we continue to provide the citizens of the state of Ohio with the services they need."

The Medicaid enrollment cutoff would continue open enrollment for a year before preventing anyone new from joining the Group VIII, or expansion, population.

Those already on the program would continue to receive coverage as long as they were enrolled before the cutoff date, Sen. Oelslager told reporters.

He said the change is a way to reduce state spending and also address uncertainty with health care policy at the federal level. The state can revisit the cutoff before the date, he said.

"We had long discussions on how to deal with this issue to be fair to those who are covered and the taxpayers of Ohio," Sen. Oelslager said.

"This freeze will help us evaluate where the budget is a year from now, and more importantly, perhaps, to see what is happening in Washington," he added.

Sen. Michael Skindell (D-Lakewood), the committee's ranking Democrat, said the change will hurt the state's overall health care goals by reducing access to coverage.

"We have deep concerns about not allowing more people on Medicaid moving forward," he told reporters. "It's denying people valuable medical services in the state. Our goal as a state should be to increase coverage for medical care, not to restrict it."

Another Medicaid provision finds a middle ground between the Kasich administration's proposal to move long-term care into managed care and the House's delay of that move until 2021 at the earliest.

The Senate's version creates a Patient-Centered Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Services and Supports Committee to examine the proposal, which would issue a report no later than the end of 2018. The General Assembly would then have to vote to move the population to managed care.

"We shortened, dramatically, the time the House had," Sen. Oelslager said.

The Senate also eased restrictions the House placed on Medicaid through the Controlling Board, no longer requiring the administration to come before the panel every six months and holding just the state share of the expansion spending in the Health and Human Services Fund, Sen. Oelslager said.

The committee accepted a few separate amendments before the vote, including one that would clarify the wind setback changes in the omnibus amendment to ensure no property owner could waive property rights for neighbors.

Another amendment, offered by Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) would change the state's payment to counties and transit authorities for funding lost by the Medicaid managed care sales tax replacement from one payment in November 2017 to half in November 2017 and half in January 2018.

Sen. Dolan said the change helps and is supported by counties, whose fiscal years match up with calendar years. It also creates a difference between the administration and legislative versions of the plan, thereby allowing the conference committee to revisit the issue.

An amendment offered by Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) specifies that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to an investor in a pass-through entity that is a client employer of the PEO may be considered business income, and therefore eligible for the business income tax deduction and 3% tax rate.

Sen. Eklund said the provision is revenue neutral and codifies the way in which the Department of Taxation is treating such income.

Sen. Obhof said he anticipated a productive conference committee after the bill's Senate vote Wednesday.

"By and large, in all of the big-picture areas, you're going to see more similarities than you expect. I think we tried to be collaborative and build off what they had already done," he said.

Omnibus Changes: A sampling of the omnibus amendment changes includes language that:

- Reduces the wind farm setback requirements from the current one and one-tenth times the total height of the turbine to two-tenths the total height as measured from the turbine's base to the tip of its highest blade. It also requires the setback to be at least 1,225 feet in horizontal distance from the tip of the nearest blade at 90 degrees to the exterior of the nearest habitable residential structure rather than the current requirement which is 1,125 feet from the property line of the nearest residence. A last-minute amendment clarifies that an owner can only waive the setback law on their own property.
- Creates civil liability for employers who adopt or enforce a policy prohibiting concealed carry licensees from transporting or storing a firearm or ammunition in the person's privately-owned vehicle.
- Removes language requiring the Public Utilities Commission to research the latest technological and regulatory innovations for the electric distribution system and permitting the PUCO to issue a report summarizing recommendations for implementing its findings.
- Requires Controlling Board approval for any state agency contract for the procurement of energy for more than \$50,000 over a five-year period.
- Eliminates unitization language under oil and gas laws.
- Specifies that power from small hydroelectric facilities is a renewable energy source.
- Increases GRF funding for \$2.5 million each year for early childhood education.

- Increases the maximum amounts for the Cleveland Scholarship program to match the EdChoice Scholarship
- Creates two alternative graduation pathways for the Class of 2018 as per recommendations from the State Board of Education.
- Replaces a school district's three-year average property valuation with its most recent tax year valuation in FY 2018 and FY 2019 if at least 10% of the district's total taxable value is comprised of public utility TPP and the public utility property has lost at least 10% of its total taxable value from the previous year and the total taxable value of power plants in the district is at least 10% less than the previous year.
- Establishes the 1:1 School Facilities Option Program.
- Adds \$100,000 per year for FASTER Saves Lives, which provides violence response training for school district employees.
- Adds \$250,000 per year for Teach for America.
- Requires appeals of a Board of Tax Appeals decision to be filed at the appellate level instead of directly to the Supreme Court.
- Establishes a procedure for the legislature to review administrative agencies for efficiency.
- Removes a Senate-added provision that requires the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to reimburse for continuing professional training programs.
- Removes language requiring DAS to establish a high-deductible health plan.
- Authorizes the use of an electrically powered personal delivery device on sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Clarifies language on the centralized collection of business income taxes.
- Removes language dealing with property tax complaints and appeals.
- Removes Senate-added language dealing with prison populations and their relation to the collective bargaining law.
- States intent with regard to voting machines and specifies that reimbursement for machines are based on the number of registered voters in those counties as of Jan. 1, 2017.

- Exempts people who suffer from mental illness from work requirements created in the Medicaid program.
- Removes a change made by the House setting the Medicaid pharmacy dispensing fee at \$10.49, reverting it to the tiered version set in rule.
- Replaces a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families earmark of \$15 million per year for child and family protective services with the same amount of GRF funds.
- Allows the Board of Pharmacy to impose sanctions against a wholesaler or distributor of dangerous drugs for making false claims to the public about controlled substances.
- Eliminates the proposed creation of a State Physical Health Services Board, keeping the Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers Board, adding to its duties the regulation of orthotics, prosthetics and pedorthics.

The omnibus amendment also includes several other appropriation changes, some of which provided additional funding for various programs. Those additions include:

- A requirement that the Office of Budget and Management transfer any remaining unobligated cash in the Straight A Fund to the GRF on Jan 1.
- \$25 million over the biennium for tobacco use prevention and cessation efforts, including the Moms Quit for Two program and the Baby and Me Tobacco Free program.
- \$15 million per year increase in the physician upper payment limit line item under Medicaid.
- \$6 million over the biennium for the Oil and Gas Well Plugging Program.
- \$400,000 over two years for the Ohio Parenting and Pregnancy Program.
- \$8 million for Appalachian Workforce Assistance.
- \$300,000 each for Providence House and Blessing House crisis center capital costs.
- Earmarks \$500,000 in TANF funds for the Children's Hunger Alliance.
- Restores \$10 million a year in transfers to the Ohio Legal Aid Fund.
- \$125,000 annually in non-GRF funds for the Lake and Geauga Counties Manufacturing K-12 Partnership.

- \$200,000 for a Financial Literacy Program at the University of Cincinnati.
- \$500,000 in non-GRF for various defense-related workforce efforts.
- \$200,000 for the FASTER Saves Lives Program.
- \$300,000 in capital funds for the Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority Chagrin Riverfront Stabilization Project.
- \$200,000 to promote aerospace efforts.
- \$200,000 for Ohio State University to host Special Olympics.
- \$100,000 per year for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative.
- \$125,000 for a STEAM program at the Trumbull County ESC.
- \$125,000 for Free Clinic Safety Net Services in the Department of Health.

Democratic Amendments: The panel's three Democrats offered dozens of amendments to the bill, nearly all of which were tabled by the Republican majority without comment.

Two amendments offered by Democrats were accepted. One appropriates \$48,831 in funding each fiscal year for the Ohio State University cooperative extension program in Ashtabula County. The other appropriates \$100,000 annually for lupus prevention and awareness.

Sen. Skindell also offered amendments to make the earned income tax credit refundable and remove caps, to cap the sales tax exemption for eyeglasses and contact lenses at \$500 and to add \$40 million over the biennium for public transit.

Another amendment offered by Sen. Skindell would eliminate the tax cut for small business pass-through entities that Democrats have blamed for the state's revenue shortfall.

"What has resulted is a situation in which the state just cannot meet the needs to efficiently deliver proper government services and invest in the proper programs," he said.

Sen. Skindell also proposed an amendment to appropriate \$200 million in Fiscal Year 2019 to provide replacement funding from the Medicaid managed care sales tax. The amendment would use the same formula as that used in the executive budget for FY 2018, but would add another year of replacement funding.

Sen. Dolan said he backed the spirit of the amendment, but that he did not support spending money that the state might not have. He offered instead to continue pushing for an increase in the managed care assessment to cover the cost.

Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) offered an amendment that would eliminate the requirement for an insurance innovation waiver, restrictions on Medicaid appropriations through the Controlling Board, and the intent to pursue the "Healthy Ohio" waiver.

"Putting barriers on the Medicaid expansion will only create unease with patients and with providers," she said.

Another amendment would have eliminated the Medicaid work requirement, increased physician payments for hospitals who engage in outreach, and required ODM to consider high Medicaid utilization hospitals when setting rates within peer groups.

An amendment offered by Sen. Sykes would have required the Department of Education to distribute money returned to the state from an audit of enrollment records of a community school back to the districts which were originally deducted for payment to the school.

Another Democratic amendment that was tabled would have incorporated legislation (SB 154) using more than \$200 million in Budget Stabilization Fund dollars to fight the opiate crisis.

Democrats also proposed raising fees for the disposal of construction and demolition debris and tires. Sen. Eklund said he believed the amendment was a worthy cause, but that he had some concerns about its mechanisms, and that he believed it should be done as part of a full review of solid waste disposal laws.

Sen. Tavares offered an amendment to require domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education for cosmetologists and barbers.

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) said his committee is currently working on a bill (HB 189) regarding cosmetology licensing, and that he would work on potentially incorporating the amendment. Sen. Tavares withdrew her proposal.

Workers' Comp Budget Headed To Senate Floor Over Democrats' Objections

The \$581 million Bureau of Workers' Compensation budget for Fiscal Years 2018-2019 cleared a Senate committee Tuesday absent a controversial House-added provision on illegal aliens.

Democrats nevertheless objected to the measure (HB 27) after Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) attempted to remove language that reduces the time allowed for submitting injury claims from two years to one.

A substitute version (Comparison Document) adopted by the Senate Insurance Committee before the party-line, 10-3 vote to report the bill also axed House language that would have restricted rule changes by state agencies and required preemptive legislative approval.

Key additions to the bill include requirements for BWC and the State Treasurer to tap the State Insurance Fund for the following initiatives: Safety Grants (\$15 million); a Health and Wellness Program (\$6 million) and a Statewide Safety Awareness and Education Campaign (\$2.5 million). Like the SIF, the BWC budget is funded through employer premiums.

The sub bill also deletes a requirement in current law for professional employer organizations to submit supplemental combining schedules with financial statements. And another new provision entails what Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London) described as a technical change impacting PEOs.

Sen. Schiavoni said in arguing for removal of the shortened claims period that he had heard from constituents who wanted to testify on the proposal in separate legislation.

"This is a very serious and significant issue" when it comes to workers being able to participate in the system, he said. Some employees try to work through their injuries because they want to avoid filing a claim and may end up not meeting the new restrictive deadline.

The amendment was tabled along party lines without comment. In previous House deliberations, it was noted that a vast majority of claims are filed within a year. Supporters of the change also argued that it could prevent injuries from worsening over time, resulting in additional costs to the system, and it provided employers with more predictability regarding their claims.

Sen. Schiavoni also offered an amendment that would include corrections workers in BWC coverage currently granted to public safety workers such as EMS employees who come into contact with blood. It was also tabled 10-3 without comment.

Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark), the committee chairman, said after the meeting that the illegal alien language was removed from the bill in part because senators didn't believe there was time to properly vet the proposal given the relatively short period the chamber was given to move the measure.

The ban on BWC coverage for illegal aliens could trigger unintended consequences, he said.

Members also questioned whether the bureau would have the means to enforce the provision, Sen. Hottinger said, noting there are 60-70,000 undocumented immigrants in the state and many are probably working somewhere. "BWC doesn't have that information because there's not an easy way to be able to track that."

While he understood the push for the ban, detractors could argue that BWC is the best way to deal with such workers because otherwise they would end up costing taxpayers in other ways such as indigent care, he said. "If someone is injured, they are going to get treated."

"I'm not hearing from businesses that this is a problem," the chairman added. "Illegal immigration is something that needs to be handled on the immigration front."

Sen. Hottinger, and later Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina), indicated the issue was best vetted in separate legislation.

"I think the majority of our members...obviously felt that was the right way to go on that, but I'm sure anyone who is interested in having further discussion on that topic if we have another bill that addresses that we'll have hearings and listen to witnesses and see where we end up," Sen. Obhof said.

Policy Matters Ohio had submitted testimony in opposition to the illegal alien language but ended up not testifying.

Kara Afrates also asked the panel in written testimony to remove that provision as well as the language on the reduced claims period and a House-added modification of firefighter cancer claims procedures.

The bill is slated for a Senate floor vote on Wednesday.

Mortgage Lending Bill Gets House Panel's OK

A bill dealing with the regulation of mortgage loans cleared a House committee Tuesday over the objections of some Democrats who called for stronger consumer protections.

The House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development Committee reported the bill (HB 199) by a 9-3 vote after rejecting four amendments offered by Democrats.

The committee accepted what was described as a Legislative Service Commission technical amendment prior to voting on the measure.

Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid), the ranking Democrat on the panel, offered four amendments after Marc Dann, with the Dann Law Firm, testified on the need for provisions helping consumers.

The amendments, all tabled along party lines, would have: added civil remedies for consumers; applied lending practices and debt collection laws to both types of loans covered under the bill; added penalties for unlicensed lending; and prohibited auto title lending.

Rep. Jim Hughes (R-Columbus) said the bill is not designed to create new policy, but rather to clarify existing policy, and that it already includes consumer protections.

Rep. Smith said he supported the intent of the bill and the broader package of bills designed to update lending laws in the state, but that he was not able to back it without additional consumer protections.

Joining the Republicans in the vote to report the bill was Rep. David Leland (D-Columbus).

Mr. Dann said he supports efforts to improve the consumer protections in the bill as it moves to the Senate, saying it currently misses opportunities to better protect borrowers from predatory lending such as auto title loans.

A major concern was that he didn't believe the legislation offered consumers enough protections from unlicensed lenders.

"The risks that exist of unlicensed lenders reaching out to Ohio consumers is significant," he said. "I don't think that 199 in the sub bill form has adequate protections for people who are victimized by unlicensed lenders in the state."

The state needs more staff at the attorney general's office and the Department of Commerce to go after predatory lenders, and he didn't think the legislation would make that happen, he said.

Most states outlaw auto title lending, Mr. Dann said, and the bill could be a vehicle by which the legislature joins them.

"The opportunity to just shut that down I believe is a missed opportunity," he said.

Rep. Hughes said the bill preserves existing consumer protections in current law.

Mr. Dann said it does include consumer protections, but it doesn't include sufficient mechanisms for borrowers to go after predatory lenders. He said he believed the Consumer Sales Practices Act and the Fair Debt Collection Act should apply to both kinds of mortgage loans created under the bill. Doing so, he said, would protect companies that follow the rules.

"It's protection to businesses that operate ethically," he said.

Committee Adds Caps, Delays Vote On OVEC Cost Recovery Bill

A House committee on Tuesday held off on reporting a controversial bill to permit cost recovery for utility owners of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation in order to buy more time for interested party talks.

Instead, the House Public Utilities Committee adopted a substitute bill (HB 239) with sponsor Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville) promising more changes in the future.

The changes are aimed at mitigating opponent concerns and include a new provision installing a cost caps for ratepayers of \$2.50 per month for residential consumers and \$2,500 for all other customers.

"I think some of the stakeholders disagree the changes reflect what they were intended to do," Rep. Carfagna told reporters. "I think we just disagree on the interpretation of some of the language, but they want to add again some more clarifying remarks in here to try to tighten up some of these provisions."

The bill would create a cost recovery mechanism for AEP Ohio, FirstEnergy, Dayton Power & Light and Duke Energy - all partial owners of OVEC. Proponents say the move would acknowledge OVEC's unique ownership structure while opponents say it will put ratepayers on the hook for supporting a pair of outdated coal plants.

One of the principal updates in the substitute version limits the cost recovery to "prudently-incurred costs." Sponsors during the bill's first hearing said that language was their original intent but that it was mistakenly left out during the drafting process. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 23, 2017)

The new language defines those as costs, including deferred expenses, allocated pursuant to a power agreement approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relating to a national security generation resource and excluding any added return on investment. It also excludes recovery of remaining debt in the event of the premature retirement of such a facility.

Other changes in the sub bill (Comp Doc):

- Discontinue cost recovery in 2030, rather than the previous version's 2040, without action by the General Assembly.
- Require the Public Utilities Commission to conduct an inquiry in 2029 to determine whether continuing the cost recovery mechanism is in the best interest of the state.
- Require the PUCO to conduct a prudency review to true up and evaluate costs every three years.

Lawmakers met for several hours Tuesday with interested parties, hashing out some of the concerns. Chairman Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) said talks are now focused on "minor changes," some of which he deems "ridiculous."

"We are going to strengthen the language that says (OVEC owners) cannot get a rate of return or return on equity," Rep. Seitz acknowledged.

Rep. Seitz, who will step down as committee chairman at the end of the month, likened his role in the ongoing negotiations to lion taming. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 9, 2017)

"That's this job," he said. "You're a lion tamer. You've got 50 lions around here and you've got to get a bull whip and snap it at them occasionally and say settle down."

Opponents this week stepped up their efforts to protest the bill, with the Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund launching a statewide TV and digital ad campaign blasting the proposal as a move to hike rates on families and divert customer dollars and jobs to the benefit of an Indiana OVEC plant. Sponsors and proponents have denied that the bill would benefit that plant.

OECAF Director Aryeh Alex said the proposals "would send Ohio families' and small business owners' hard-earned dollars to fund poor business decisions made by corporate utilities."

"These rate-payer funded subsidies distort trends in the market that are pushing electric utilities to cleaner, more efficient generation options," he added.

AEP Ohio and the American Petroleum Institute-Ohio submitted written testimony on opposite sides of the issue.

AEP counsel Steve Nourse said OVEC provides more than \$62 million in economic benefit to the state.

"Sub. HB239 should be adopted as a fair-minded solution to follow through on the long-term decisions made when the OVEC plants were built to serve the national security of the United States," Mr. Nourse wrote.

But Chris Zeigler, API's executive director, echoed opponent concerns the bill would undermine the competitive energy market.

"As introduced, House Bill 239 will effectively allow utilities to charge back unspecified costs to ratepayers, while potentially displacing new natural gas-fired power generation and skewing competitive markets," he said. "API Ohio believes that House Bill 239 ensures that additional, unquantifiable costs will be passed on to Ohio ratepayers while discouraging efficient operation of the OVEC plants."

House Committee Delves Into School-Funding Overhaul Bill

The sponsor of a bill that would completely overhaul the state's school funding formula told House Finance Committee members they would be heroes if they adopted a model that relies on a statewide property tax and increased income tax.

Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell) on Tuesday gave a broad overview of his 822-page bill, which was first introduced in the waning days of the 131st General Assembly. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 15, 2016)

Under his plan, schools would be funded by one statewide property tax rate of 20 mills and dollars generated by an increase in the sales tax from 5.75% to 7.35%.

By moving to a statewide millage rate and eliminating local property and income tax levels, taxpayers would see average cuts to their school property taxes of 49.5%, Rep. Brenner said.

The bill calls for placing the tax funding structure in the state constitution, meaning Ohio voters would have to approve the changes.

The state would also assume all local school board bond debt, which is almost \$1 billion currently, he said. The move could save the taxpayers \$144 million per year in interest payments because the state has a better bond rating than most districts.

The sponsor provided a chart detailing how much each district would receive in state funding under the proposed formula compared to their current funding rates.

Rep. Brenner said he's open to modifications to the bill and maintained that it is meant to facilitate conversations on how to shape a school funding formula that will meet the state's constitutional requirement to provide fair and equitable public schools.

"This bill was written to open the conversation about school funding and get people to think about what is in the best interests of educating children and young adults," he said.

"Just think, this finance committee could solve the long, often heated debate over *DeRolph v. State of Ohio*," he added later. "If you did, you would be heroes to the parents, taxpayers, and most importantly, the students of the state of Ohio."

Currently, the formula is anything but fair, particularly for districts that are growing quickly or are considered wealthy, Rep. Brenner contended.

In his district, Olentangy Local Schools is on the gain cap, resulting in the state sending it about \$50 million less than is called for under the current formula - despite the fact that it's adding about 650 new students each year, he said.

While Olentangy and other wealthy suburban districts like it receive a few hundred dollars in per-pupil funding and aren't eligible for facilities assistance, large urban districts that are most likely to lose students to charter and private schools are receiving per-pupil payments as high as \$10,000 or more, he said.

"How is it we're spending in East Cleveland at \$22,000 per student...and its state report card is still straight Fs for the most part, when we're spending half of that (at Olentangy)

with what we do get from the state, leaving it then to our local taxpayers to decide to build a brand new building or not? " He asked.

"It's getting to the point in my school district where we've gotten very close on some of these (ballot issues). We would be in severe trouble with massive overcrowding and that isn't fair to the students or the taxpayers in my district."

Under his formula, students would be base funded at a rate of \$8,200-\$8,400 per year, he said. Those state dollars would follow the student to whichever schools they choose to attend.

"This is actually probably the first system in the state of Ohio that meets the *DeRolph* case...and is fair to all students in every single school district in the state of Ohio," Rep. Brenner said.

Despite the sponsor's optimism, some lawmakers were skeptical about whether high-poverty districts would have the support and resources they need under the plan.

Chairman Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) said he understands the sponsor's concerns about high-growth districts getting the dollars they need to accommodate additional students, but is worried about the link between poverty and poorer academic outcomes.

"I have a hard time understanding how we're going to help the poorest of the poor in East Cleveland if we drop them down to the amounts we're going to get," he said, adding: "Comparing Olentangy to East Cleveland isn't even apples and oranges. It's apples and basketballs or something."

Rep. Brenner said his formula still provides districts with additional layered funds on top of the base funding amount for gifted, economically disadvantaged, and disabled students. The Autism Scholarship will still exist in the same amount, but students won't have to apply for it.

He added that more dollars would follow students who leave their traditional schools to attend charter schools, which could result in those students having access to better educational opportunities.

Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) represents the Worthington Local School District adjacent to Olentangy, which also has a high effective millage rate and receives relatively little state funding.

He said the committee has heard in the past that there is no empirical evidence that more funding automatically equals better student outcomes in high-poverty districts.

Pointing out that rural districts with high poverty rates often perform better academically than urban schools with similar economic makeups, Rep. Brenner agreed that "clearly the correlation of more dollars isn't necessarily there."

"I think the question is how are you utilizing these dollars," he said.

He said districts shouldn't be worried they'll receive less money because the state will be taking on their debt payments, so they'll be able to put all the dollars they receive toward educating students.

Rep. Keith Faber (R-Celina) raised concerns with the state taking on the debt. That's because taxpayers in some districts have supported local options to construct facilities that serve students beyond basic needs, while others have been more conservative or couldn't pass local levies, he said.

"Does that lead to a situation where communities who made (the latter) decision don't have as much?" he said. He also questioned whether high-performing schools will have enough capacity to take on new students who might want to enroll as a result of the bill.

Districts would not be required to open enroll students from outside the current boundaries if they are at capacity, Rep. Brenner said. However, the bill does allow for districts to enter into contracts manage other existing districts.

The sponsor told Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) that the bill doesn't call for standardizing charter and traditional school accountability.

"The funding formula is a funding formula. The accountability comes from the parents making decisions," he said.

Answering additional questions from the panel, Rep. Brenner said the proposed funding formula would work best if the state reduced education mandates and districts found a way to consolidate transportation.

Witnesses Diverge On Firearm Licensing Proposals

A House panel on Tuesday reviewed a quartet of gun-related bills, with opposing sides clashing over one proposal to allow many Ohioans to carry concealed weapons without first securing a license.

The bill (HB 201) was considered by the House Federalism & Interstate Relations Committee.

Witnesses from the Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence and the Columbus Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America expressed opposition while representatives of the National Association for Gun Rights and Gun Owners of America lent their support.

Larry Pratt of Gun Owners of America told the panel 12 states have similar laws in place, and each state enacting such a change has seen a decline in violent crime. Ohio, he said, should expect the same result.

Last week's shooting at a Congressional baseball practice was facilitated by the fact that lawmakers attending the event were headed to Washington, D.C. later in the day, which created a "de facto gun-free zone that the dirtbag took advantage of."

If Washington had more relaxed gun laws, he said it is possible that more people who were targeted in the shooting may have had weapons to defend themselves and others.

The witness told Rep. Paul Zeltwanger (R-Mason) that opponent suggestions that eliminating the training requirement would reduce safety are incorrect. He said there is no evidence in the states with "constitutional carry" that gun carriers are being careless with firearms.

He also told the panel that the designation of gun free zones is problematic. "It's as if we might as well set up a sign that says, 'Murderers welcome,'" he said.

Sarah Mouncey of the Columbus Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, told the panel she has already had too many connections to large-scale shootings and the bill would do nothing to reduce gun violence.

She said the proposal eliminates training requirements, lowers the bar for people to carry in public, puts public safety at risk and makes the jobs of law enforcement officials more difficult. Further, she said the large majority of Ohioans oppose permit-less carry. "It is too dangerous for Ohio," she said.

DJ Parten of the National Association for Gun Rights urged the panel to approve the bill without any changes and delivered what he said were 12,000 signatures of Ohioans who support the measure.

He said the measure doesn't allow any person who currently can't carry a weapon to do so, and questioned why Ohio would require citizens to pay a fee if they choose to wear a coat over their gun.

The Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence's Jennifer Thorne said in opposing the bill that current training requirements are important to make sure people know the rules of safe handling and proper storage and can demonstrate the skills, knowledge and attitude needed to shoot in a safe manner.

She added that current restrictions have resulted in the suspension of 4,300 licenses, revocation of 1,600 licenses and denial of 3,600 licenses between 2014 and 2016.

"What this shows us is that the current concealed-carry licensing system - the only current legal pathway for most Ohioans to obtain concealed carry permits - is catching thousands of people who should not be carrying in public," she said.

The panel also heard testimony on other related legislation.

HB 228: Rep. Rep. Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) and Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-Chagrin Falls) detailed their proposal, which Mr. Johnson said would modernize self-defense laws to authorize law-abiding citizens defend themselves and others.

He said the bill fixes a "broken" section of state law on self-defense and doesn't seek to let "vigilantes" carry out their own form of justice.

Mr. Johnson said the proposal updates key sections of a 2008 law to clarify that a person doesn't have a duty to retreat if he or she are in a place where they are entitled to be.

Rep. LaTourette added that the bill reduces penalties for failing to advise law enforcement of the presence of a concealed weapon and clarifies sections regarding the posting of warning signs regarding guns.

Jim Irvine, of the Buckeye Firearms Association, told the panel the bill fixes mistakes in current law that established onerous restrictions on gun owners.

Ohioans who defend themselves in the face of a potential attack shouldn't be second-guessed after the fact, he said. "That shouldn't be a requirement in our law." He also said drivers who possess weapons shouldn't be penalized for innocent mistakes at a time of a traffic stop.

HB 233: Rep. John Becker (R-Union Twp.) won support of a substitute that he said accepts suggestions from prosecutors but preserves the spirit of the bill.

The changes, he said, add the word "knowingly" in terms of intent and change a proposed penalty of disorderly conduct to trespassing. The new version also changes the term firearm to deadly weapon.

Mr. Irvine also backed Rep. Becker's bill, saying no need has ever been shown for many of the restrictions on firearms. He said the bill overall reduces penalties minimizes the potential that a person would face a crime for taking a gun to a location where they are prohibited.

Mr. Becker said the proposal essentially mirrors TSA policies where travelers are regularly given the opportunity to return a prohibited item to a vehicle or secure location before proceeding to the secure area.

Gary Witt of Ohioans for Concealed Carry supported the proposal, saying it is easy for a person to get distracted and mistakenly take a weapon into a building where guns are prohibited.

Mr. Becker said the current law creates a situation when a gun may have to be returned to a vehicle and be handled unnecessarily.

The sponsor also questioned whether forcing the storage in a vehicle could create an additional safety concern in some downtowns where he said "less than the finest citizens" may be watching a gun be stored.

HB 79: John P. Hagan Jr., a Columbus firefighter EMT, testified in support, saying trained emergency responders would benefit from carrying weapons in cases of active shooters or other large-scale problems.

"It seems that most locales and municipalities are reluctant to implement or allow for their 'tactical medics' to carry a firearm either for political reasons or perceived liabilities," he said. "I believe this bill alleviates this by providing the commonsense guidelines, the necessary training and the oversight needed to implement this as law.

"As a husband and father I exercise my constitutional right to protect my family and myself while not on duty," Mr. Hagan added. "I'm hard pressed to find a reason why I should not be able to do the same when placed in an environment that the likelihood of me needing to do so is greatly increased."

Subscribers Note: Full testimony is available on the committee's website under June 20.

Advocates Continue Push To Lengthen Sentences For Fire-Based Assaults

Proponents on Tuesday continued advocating for passage of legislation to stiffen prison terms for felonious assaults using accelerants.

Phyllis Carlson-Riehm, of ACTION OHIO Coalition For Battered Women, told members of the Senate Judiciary Committee that the measure (HB 63) has the support of the domestic violence community.

The legislation would add an automatic six years onto a felonious assault sentence if the victim is permanently disfigured or incapacitated due to an accelerant being used.

The bill is named for Judy Malinowski, who suffered burns on most of her body after an ex-boyfriend doused her with gasoline and set her on fire.

"Judy didn't deserve what happened to her and didn't cause it. Even with the enactment of 'Judy's Law,' her abuser will never experience what she has been enduring, but at least Ohio law will provide a more appropriate criminal penalty for abusers like Michael W. Slager. With the passage of Substitute House Bill 63, Judy's dream of leaving a legacy in Ohio's law will be realized," Ms. Carlson-Riehm said.

Ms. Malinowski's mother, Bonnie Bowes, said in written testimony that her daughter's injuries have kept her bedridden since the August 2015 incident.

Ms. Bowes said her daughter's medical bills have already topped \$11 million, most of which has been covered by Medicare and Medicaid.

"Does the cost of extended sentences even come close to the cost of care and hospitalization for the countless victims of these repeat offenders like Michael Slager, the man who attacked Judy?" she asked.

After conviction, Mr. Slager received a prison sentence of 11 years.

"The scales of justice are not fair and balanced when the victim receives a life sentence of hospitalization and around-the-clock nursing, and her family, including two young daughters, is forever impacted by indescribable emotional trauma, the loss of their mother/daughter, huge financial cost, and the loss of a career, yet the assailant received just 11 years in prison and can then move on with his life. This is grossly unfair and unacceptable," Ms. Bowes wrote.

Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien said in many of these cases someone that lives is in many ways worse off than someone that died from their injuries.

Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association Executive Director John Murphy said in written testimony that the bill goes in the right direction, but could go farther.

"Frankly, we would like to see a broader application and a higher penalty," he said. "But your bill would at least apply a higher mandatory penalty in these cases."

The panel also received written proponent testimony from Nancy Neylon of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, Attorney General Mike DeWine and Columbus City Councilman Mitchell Brown.

Ms. Malinowski's daughter, Kaylyn Malinowski, also provided testimony in support of the measure.

Proponents Defend Constitutionality Of Latest Abortion Bill

Anti-abortion advocates on Tuesday backed a bill to outlaw a commonly used form of the procedure.

Proponents of a bill (SB 145) that would ban "dismemberment abortions" likened the procedure to another that was prohibited on the federal level: partial-birth abortions.

Jessica Koehler, director of legislative affairs for Ohio Right to Life, reminded members of the Senate Judiciary Committee that ban upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Not only is there a strong legal precedent for this legislation, there are also strong ethical and reasons to pass it," Ms. Koehler said. "Ethically speaking, dismemberment abortion simply does not belong in the medical profession, and it does not belong in any part of civil society."

Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) questioned how often the procedure is used in the second trimester of a pregnancy.

Ms. Koehler said it is the most commonly used form of abortion in the second trimester.

Melissa Stack, president of the Licking County Right to Life, said dismemberment abortions are typically performed between 13 and 24 weeks into a pregnancy. Infants born as premature as 21 weeks and five days have survived outside of the womb, she said.

Dr. Dennis Sullivan described the procedure as "brutal" and raised the specter that fetuses that far along in development have the ability to feel pain.

He also denied that the measure will place an undue burden on women, which has been a sticking point for court since the U.S. Supreme Court's 1992 decision in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*.

The bill, Mr. Sullivan said, "is a modest proposal to ban the brutal and gruesome practice of dismembering a live unborn fetus that may experience excruciating pain."

But Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) noted that several medical groups are opposed to such a ban.

Mr. Sullivan said that there are other forms of abortion available that could be utilized.

Emmarsyn Mysko of Mercer County Right to Life told the panel that about 3,000 dismemberment abortions occur in Ohio each year.

"Most, if not all of those children could feel the excruciating pain of being crushed and ripped limb from limb. The preborn child would feel just as much pain as a grown adult would upon being ripped apart," she said.

Ellen Wittman, president of Students for Life at Miami University's Hamilton campus, downplayed criticism of the measure, taking issue with the idea that it is part of a larger "war on women."

"I propose that the real war on women is being waged against their very nature by the abortion culture. I am calling that abortion victims include the unborn children and their mothers," she said.

"It is assumed that young women want abortion on demand and without apology. But I am writing as proof that that is not the case. My generation is the pro-life generation, and on behalf of all of us, I urge the passage of SB145."

Denise Leipold, executive director of Right to Life of Northeastern Ohio, addressed a protest at last week's first hearing on the bill in which pro-abortion rights advocates

dressed as Handmaids from the 1985 book by Margaret Atwood, *The Handmaid's Tale*, which has since been turned into a Hulu television show. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 13, 2017)

"The Handmaid's Tale is a futuristic story about an Old Testament inspired military dictatorship filled with social and religious fanaticism taking over the United States with the subsequent removal of women's rights," she said. "The handmaids were a group of women that were kept for reproductive purposes only. The women who showed up here dressed as handmaids seem to forget that we have no such dictatorship here in this country, and that women have all the same rights and freedoms as anyone else."

Written proponent testimony was also provided by Dr. William Polzin, Donna J. Harrison of ProLifeOB/GYNS, Dr. Alicia Thompson of American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists-AAPLOG, Jennifer Popick of National Right to Life and Jim Tobin of the Catholic Conference of Ohio.

Iris Harvey, CEO of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio, said in a statement that the bill "is just a small piece of a broader effort to end access to safe, legal abortion in Ohio and across the country."

"At Planned Parenthood, one thing remains clear: the doors are staying open. Despite the constant attacks from extremists, Planned Parenthood is focused on continuing to provide life-saving health care like breast and cervical cancer screenings, STI treatment and testing, HIV testing and medically accurate sex education programs for women and men in the community who have turned to Planned Parenthood for those safe, reliable, confidential and judgment-free services for years," she said.

Agency Briefs: Kasich Makes Himes Permanent ODH Director; ODNR; MHAS; Labor; OTIC

Lance Himes has been named by Gov. John Kasich to be director of the Ohio Department of Health, where he has been interim director since March 31.

An attorney with the department for over 13 years, Mr. Himes specialized in environmental health and public health compliance issues. He played a key role in coordinating Ohio's response to the Ebola outbreak in 2014.

Mr. Himes graduated from Wittenberg University with a degree in business and received his law degree from the University of Cincinnati. He practiced law in Cincinnati for seven years, and is a member of the Ohio Public Health Association.

He succeeds Richard Hodges, who resigned from the cabinet-level post earlier this year.

Drilling Activity: Six horizontal permits were issued for the Utica/Point Pleasant wells through the week ending June 17, according to Department of Natural Resources data.

Four of the six permits were issued in Belmont County, with the remaining two issued in Jefferson County.

There are now 2,533 horizontal permits issued, with 2,025 wells drilled and 1,574 of them producing.

Cures Act: The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has issued requests for proposals for three funding opportunities through the 21st Century Cures Act, which was signed into law late last year.

The federal legislation makes funding available to state through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the State Targeted Response (STR) Project.

Ohio's STR project is focused on building a community system of care that emphasizes service integration.

The RFPs are available at mha.ohio.gov/curesact.

All proposals must be submitted electronically to: MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov by 3 p.m. on July 14. All questions must be submitted electronically no later than 10 a.m. June 30 to OhioMHAS at: MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov.

Labor Statistics: Ohio's civilian labor force estimates have been released for the month of May.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Ohio was 4.9%, a 0.1% decrease from April. The U.S. unemployment rate remained lower at 4.3%.

Turnpike and Infrastructure: The commission has released their monthly newsletter for June, covering topics such as the proper mounting of E-Z pass transponders, the dangers of distracted driving, and speed enforcement in work zones.

Cleveland State President Announces Retirement; Universities Awarded Grants To Assist Low-Income Students; Report Criticizes Vouchers

Cleveland State University President Ronald Berkman on Tuesday announced plans to retire in June 2018.

Mr. Berkman, 70, is the university's sixth president and has served in that role since 2009. He plans to return to CSU to teach following a one-year sabbatical after his retirement, according to the university.

"It's been one of the great honors of my career to lead CSU during an amazing period of progress," he said in a statement. "Thanks to the faculty, staff, trustees and donors, and

to the Cleveland community that has embraced us, we've brought 'engaged learning' to life. In so many ways, CSU is a different university than it was in 2009."

The university said it will begin a national search for his replacement next month.

"It's hard to overstate the impact Ron has had on CSU during his tenure," said Bernie Moreno, chair of CSU's Board of Trustees. "He has led the transformation of the University across every dimension, from his focus on student success, to the many innovative community partnerships he's created, to the remaking of the campus and his extraordinary success attracting philanthropy. We will miss having him as president, but we also owe him a huge debt of gratitude for putting us in position to attract a great candidate to succeed him."

Mr. Moreno will chair a search committee that will include members of the university and the community. The board said it also plans to work with a leading national search firm to attract and vet candidates.

Grants: Four Ohio universities have been awarded grants to help low-income students overcome financial barriers to degrees.

The Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation & Affiliates this week announced \$7.2 million in awards for 32 colleges, including University of Akron, Ohio State University, University of Toledo, and Cleveland State University.

The funding will go toward Dash Emergency Grants, which universities can provide to low-income students who are at risk of dropping out because of unexpected medical expenses, such as transportation, housing, medical and child care. The grants, which universities can begin awarding this fall, are typically less than \$1,000.

The initiative is an expansion of a Great Lakes program that has provided \$3 million in grants to 7 two-year colleges to promote retention and completion among low-income students.

According to Great Lakes, participating colleges have reported that students who receive the emergency grants are more likely to stay in school and graduate.

"We're pleased to extend our emergency grant program to four-year colleges dedicated to helping low-income students overcome financial obstacles," Great Lakes President and CEO Richard D. George said. "In addition to helping more students progress to degree completion, we look forward to learning the nuances between programs at two-year and four-year colleges and sharing that knowledge with other institutions looking to establish emergency grant programs."

Report: A new innovation Ohio report calls into questions the effectiveness of the state's school voucher programs, which some lawmakers are looking to expand.

The group's report details the history of the state's voucher programs and highlights how much has been spent on the initiative and an analysis that found students who used vouchers to attend private schools fared worse on state exams.

"After 20 years, what the data indicate is that any proposed expansion is not warranted and, in fact, could have ruinous effects on kids and families in both voucher schools and local public schools," Innovation Ohio's report claims.

Stephen Dyer, education policy fellow for Innovation Ohio, detailed the report in testimony on a bill to expand vouchers (HB 200) before the House Education and Career Readiness Committee on Tuesday.

He said vouchers are now used by students in 83% of Ohio's school districts and that more than \$310 million in per-pupil funding will go to the private schools they attend.

In addition to per-pupil funding, the state also pays private schools auxiliary services payments and administrative costs while districts cover busing costs, Mr. Dyer said. Including those in-direct costs, voucher schools are receiving more than \$568 million in taxpayer money.

"HB200 could financially ruin some local school districts, not produce better outcomes for kids and cost the state potentially hundreds of millions of additional dollars," he told the committee

Meanwhile, Larry Keough, associate director of education for the Catholic Conference of Ohio, and Alyson Miles, deputy director of government affairs for the American Federation for Children, and Greg Lawson, research fellow The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions, applauded the proposed voucher expansion, which would provide scholarships to all students whose family income is at or below 400% of the federal poverty level.

"The move to an income-based only program is the step in the right direction for Ohio," Ms. Miles said. "Our current programs, while great stepping stones for school choice in this state, leave many students in low and middle income families behind."

Educator Standards Board: The board is scheduled to meet June 22-23 at Quest Business Center in Columbus.

Members plan to discuss assessments for educators, temporary and substitute licenses, the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System, and a licensure code of conduct update. (Agenda)

Survey: The Department of Education is seeking input on proposed revisions to science, social studies, and financial literacy learning standards, which are currently under review. Feedback will be accepted through a survey that is open now through July 18.

Gongwer Statehouse Job Market Updated

Gongwer's Statehouse Job Market has been updated. The update is available on the Gongwer website.

Subscribers interested in posting job openings on Gongwer's employment board can send job descriptions and other information to gongwer@gongwer-oh.com.

Governor's Appointments

Youngstown State University Board of Trustees: Capri S. Cafaro of Hubbard (Trumbull Co.) for a term beginning June 20 and ending June 30, 2026, and Molly S. Seals of Canfield (Mahoning Co.) for a term beginning June 20 and ending April 30, 2024.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Wednesday, June 21

ABLE Account Advisory Board, 77 S. High St., Rm. 1952, Columbus, 11 a.m.

Thursday, June 22

Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, Foundation Office, 100 S High St, Hillsboro, 10 a.m. (Board of Trustees)

Educator Standards Board, Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Pl., Columbus, 1 p.m.

Friday, June 23

Educator Standards Board, Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Pl., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

Tax Credit Authority, Rm. South A, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 9 a.m.

Thursday, September 21

ABLE Account Advisory Board, 77 S. High St., Rm. 1952, Columbus, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, December 13

ABLE Account Advisory Board, 77 S. High St., Rm. 1948, Columbus, 11 a.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Friday, June 23

Sen. Kris Jordan (R-Ostrander) shooting fundraiser, Black Wing Shooting Center, 3722 Marysville Road, Delaware, 12 p.m., (\$2,500 Sharpshooter | \$1,000 Marksman | \$500 Expert | \$350 Per attendee to Friends of Kris Jordan)

Tuesday, June 27

Sen. Edna Brown (D-Toledo) fundraiser, Einstein's, 41 S. High St., Columbus, 8 a.m., (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350)

Wednesday, June 28

Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) fundraiser, Market 65, 65 E. State St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350)

Wednesday, July 12

Ohio House Democratic Caucus fundraiser, Hilton Downtown Cleveland, Bar 32, 100 Lakeside Ave E., Cleveland, 5 p.m., (Sponsor \$2,500 Host \$1,000 Friend \$500 Guest \$250 to House Democratic Caucus Fund, Friends of Nickie J. Antonio, Friends of Nicholas J. Celebrezze)
Tuesday, August 8

Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) and Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) fundraiser, Mike and Samantha Hartley residence, 403 South Court Street, Circleville, 6 p.m., (\$1,000 Chair | \$500 Host | \$250 Sponsor | \$100 Supporter | \$75 per Couple | \$50 Individual to Peterson for Good Government and Troy Balderson for State Senator)
Thursday, August 10

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) & RSCC fundraiser, New Albany Country Club, 1 Club Ln., New Albany, 5:30 p.m., (Hosted by Jack Kessler. \$10,000 Event Chair | \$5,000 Event Host | \$2,500 Event Sponsor | \$1,000 Event Supporter | \$500 Attendee to Citizens for Obhof)

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Senate Activity for Tuesday, June 20, 2017

INTRODUCED

SB 165 ■ **BRINE SALES** (Dolan, M., Skindell, M.) To establish conditions and requirements for the sale of brine from certain oil or gas operations as a commodity and to exempt such a commodity from requirements otherwise applicable to brine. En. 1509.228.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Finance

HB 49 ■ **BIENNIAL BUDGET** (Smith, R.) To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. (**REPORTED-AMENDED (See separate story)**; 10th Hearing-Possible omnibus, other amendments and vote)

Insurance & Financial Institutions

HB 27 ■ **BWC BUDGET** (Brinkman, T.) To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs. (**REPORTED-SUBSTITUTE (See separate story)**; 3rd Hearing-Interested party-Possible amendments & vote)

SB 151 ■ **RETIREMENT BENEFITS** (Hite, C.) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Richard Stensrud, executive director of the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio, testified in support of the measure, which he noted has been folded into the two-year budget measure (**HB 49**).

Board-approved changes requested through legislation, he said, include:

1. Changing the system's COLA from a fixed 3% annual increase to a COLA based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W), with a cap of 2.5% and a floor of 0%.
2. Receiving authority to award or suspend the COLA, or to adjust the COLA above or below CPI-W; however, any adjustment above or below CPI-W could only be enacted if the system's actuary determines it would not materially impair the fiscal integrity of the system, or is necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the system.

The Ohio Retirement Study Council reviewed the changes in the bill and approved them with recommendations, the director said. "Furthermore, all of the other Ohio pension systems

have amended their COLA statutes in the last several years with provisions similar to what SERS is proposing."

"While our pension fund is stable, we have identified immediate financial challenges and long-term funding goals that require immediate attention to prevent a bigger problem down the road," Mr. Stensrud said.

"SERS' funding policy provides that until the pension is at least 70% funded, employer contribution dollars cannot go into health care. Our actuary estimates the health care fund has seven years of funding, so there is an urgency to take this action to again enable some funding to go into health care."

While the decision to change the COLA for active members and retirees was difficult, the director said the system's actuary determined that a fair solution needed to include retirees, because more than 60% of the system's unfunded liabilities are attributable to that group versus active members.

"Life expectancy has continued to rise after members retired, and in more and more cases, retirees are living longer in retirement than they paid into the system," he said. "The only way to involve retirees in the funding solution is to make changes to the COLA, because all other options affect only active members. Active members have borne the brunt of past pension changes, and we must ensure when these folks retire they have a pension like that of our current retirees."

Governor's Appointments: The panel recommended full Senate approval of the following governor's appointments: Chauncey Cochran, David Johnson, Peter McLinden and Peggy Griffith to the Bureau of Workers Compensation Board of Directors; Jillian Froment as superintendent of the Department of Insurance; Jason Clark to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency; and James Smail to the Banking Commission.

Ms. Froment testified briefly and answered questions from Chairman **Sen. Jay Hottinger** (R-Newark) regarding the agency's efforts at submitting a waiver to the federal government on Affordable Care Act provisions.

ODI has instituted the process of applying for a 1332 waiver and has information posted on its website, where people can track the process, she said. A request for Proposals has been issued for actuarial support and she expects the agency will submit related funding requests to the Controlling Board in late summer.

ODI should be able to meet the Jan. 31 deadline for the waiver that's laid out in the biennial budget measure barring any further complications brought on by changes at the federal level that the director said "could put us back a few steps."

Ms. Froment said the original guidance issued by the federal government was restrictive in terms of what states could do under the waiver. Related rules remain in place and are inhibitive to making meaningful changes through the waiver process, she said.

Judiciary

HB 38 **AGGRAVATED MURDER (Greenspan, D.)** To provide that purposely causing the death of a first responder or military member is aggravated murder and to require an offender to serve the prison term imposed for felonious assault on a peace officer, investigator, first responder, or military

member consecutively to the prison term imposed for any related offense.

(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsoring **Rep. Dave Greenspan** (R-Westlake) said the legislation is necessary because attacks on first responders have become more prevalent in recent years.

Currently, Ohio law only covers members of law enforcement.

"This bill includes other public safety forces such as firefighters, EMTs, federal law enforcement offices and members of the military," Rep. Greenspan said. "Additionally, this bill provides strong deterrents to individuals who seek to harm those who see us at our worst, at our greatest times of need and toward those who protect our liberties and freedoms."

Louisiana and Kentucky have passed similar laws, and New York and Missouri have legislation pending.

"Our Bill, HB38, is the most comprehensive bill of its kind in the nation - because it not only covers law enforcement officers both state and federal, firefighters, and EMTs and but it also covers members of the military and provides further protects all groups beyond active duty," Rep. Greenspan said.

HB 63

PRISON TERMS (Hughes, J.) To require an additional prison term for felonious assault of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, or 20 years if the offender also is convicted of a specification that charges that the harm caused by the violation resulted in a permanent, serious disfigurement or substantial incapacity or that the offender used an accelerant in committing the violation and to name the act's provisions "Judy's Law." **(CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)**

SB 145

ABORTION (Huffman, M., Wilson, S.) To criminalize and create a civil action for dismemberment abortions. **(CONTINUED (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)**

SB 152

STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS (Dolan, M.) Relative to transfers of structured settlement payment rights. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

Sponsoring Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) said the legislation will align Ohio with the National Conference of Insurance Legislators' model.

Ohio adopted the structured settlement transfer act in 2000, but has not made substantive changes since, he said. "As time goes by, Ohio becomes more and more out of line with the rest of the country."

The measure would: remove dual court approval; eliminate the requirement for mandatory independent professional advice; require the disclosure of effective annual interest rates; requirement an in-person hearing; and add disclosure of prior and attempted transfers.

"The current proposed legislation is a result of the industry returning to Ohio to advocate for amendments to modernize, improve and conform Ohio's act and to recognize efforts of the state's probate judges (the courts responsible for approving transfers) to enact reforms to the structured settlement transfer act in the previous session," Sen. Dolan said.

"Interested parties representing all sides of a structured settlement transfer took part in the discussions that constructed this piece of legislation and I believe enacting these reforms to better align with the NCOIL model would be a positive change for Ohio."

SB 158

ELDER FRAUD (Wilson, S.) To develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud and exploitation and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related crimes against the elderly. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

Sen. Steve Wilson (R-Maineville) said in sponsor testimony that seniors lose nearly \$3 billion to fraud each year.

"In my 40-year career in banking, I witnessed daily attempts to financially exploit seniors. As a state, I believe we can do more to ensure that our elders receive the protections they deserve," he said.

Sen. Wilson said the aim of the measure is to knock down barriers to the reporting and investigation of elder fraud through awareness, education and enforcement.

Under the bill, the attorney general's office would be required to publish public service announcements about elder fraud. The legislation would also update the list of mandatory reporters and strengthens penalties.

But **Sen. Michael Skindell** (D-Lakewood) questioned the public service announcements. He accused **Treasurer Josh Mandel** of using public service announcements for a disability savings program to further his political ambitions.

"I think it was self-promotion as opposed to promotion of the issue," Sen. Skindell said.

Sen. Wilson said there will be guardrails in place to ensure that the public service announcements serve an educational purpose.

"I feel very comfortable that this provision will provide the education we are trying to achieve," he said.

Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) asked about the potential for an elder fraud hotline.

Sen. Wilson called the suggestion an excellent idea.

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House Activity for Tuesday, June 20, 2017

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

HCR 12 ■ **AMTRAK SERVICE** (Sheehy, M.) To urge Congress and the President of the United States to support a federal budget that retains Amtrak passenger service in Ohio.

Federalism & Interstate Relations

INTRODUCED

HB 278 ■ **VEHICULAR ASSAULT** (Patton, T., Keller, C.) To include negligently causing serious physical harm to a law enforcement officer while operating a motor vehicle or other specified mode of transportation as a violation of the offense of vehicular assault. Am. 2903.08.

HB 279 ■ **JOHN GLENN HOME** (Hill, B., Rosenberger, C.) To require the Ohio History Connection to designate John Glenn's childhood home as a state historic site.

HB 280 ■ **MOTORCYCLE PROTECTION** (Goodman, W.) To permit a person to wear earplugs for hearing protection while operating a motorcycle. Am. 4511.84.

HB 281 ■ **BROADBAND EXPANSION** (Carfagna, R.) To establish the residential broadband expansion program within the Development Services Agency to award matching grants for last mile broadband expansion in municipal corporations and townships and to make an appropriation. En. 122.09, 122.091, 122.092, 122.093, 122.095, 122.096, 122.097, 122.098, 122.0910, 122.0911, 122.0912, 122.0913, 122.0915, and 122.0916.

HB 282 ■ **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** (Hambley, S.) To expressly prohibit criminal mischief relating to residential rental property and to prohibit a metropolitan housing authority from renting or providing housing assistance to a person who has recently been convicted of criminal mischief relating to residential rental property. Am. 2909.07 and to enact section 3735.411.

HB 283 ■ **ADOPTIONS** (Rezabek, J.) To require the juvenile court judge to provide written consent to certain adoptions involving abused, neglected, or dependent children. En. 3107.041.

CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION

SB 7 ■ **PROTECTION ORDERS** (Bacon, K., Manning, G.) To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms.
Wednesday, June 21

HB 41 ■ **VOTER REGISTRATION** (Pelanda, D.) To modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and the procedures for processing absent voter's ballots and for casting absent voter's ballots in person.
Wednesday, June 21

HB 60 ■ **DRIVER'S LICENSES** (Hambley, S., Rogers, J.) To authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security.
Wednesday, June 21

HB 69 ■ **TIF DISTRICTS** (Cupp, R.) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.
Wednesday, June 21

HB 95 ■ **DISTRACTED DRIVING** (Hughes, J., Seitz, B.) To establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is the apparent cause of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import.
Wednesday, June 21

HB 145 ■ **CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT** (Huffman, S., Sprague, R.) To provide for the establishment of a confidential program for the treatment of certain impaired practitioners and to declare an emergency.

HB 158 ■ **MILITARY TRANSFERS** (Perales, R., Craig, H.) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.
Wednesday, June 21

HB 170 ■ **COMPUTER SCIENCE** (Carfagna, R., Duffey, M.) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation.
Wednesday, June 21

HB 195 ■ **WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTS** (Ingram, C., Seitz, B.) To modify the provisions concerning the transport of persons who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid in nonemergency circumstances.
Wednesday, June 21

HB 213 ■ **REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS** (Dever, J.) To change the definition of "appraisal" for purposes of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Law, to make changes to certain procedures and the exceptions to licensure under that law, to regulate appraisal management companies, and to declare an emergency.
Wednesday, June 21

REFERRED

Civil Justice:

HB 267 ■ **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION LIABILITY** (Ingram, C.) To eliminate certain defenses to political subdivision liability for an employee's negligent operation of a motor vehicle and to reduce damages recoverable against a political subdivision in such actions by the contributory fault of the plaintiff or other parties.

HB 271 ■ **ACCESSIBILITY LAWS** (McColley, R., Rezabek, J.) To authorize an alleged aggrieved party to provide a notice of an alleged accessibility law violation in advance of filing a civil action and to establish the circumstances under which an alleged aggrieved party is entitled to attorney's fees in a civil action based on the violation.

Criminal Justice:

HB 259 ■ **VIOLENCE DATABASE** (Seitz, B., West, T.) To require the Attorney General to establish a database of persons who have committed an offense of violence at an A-1-A, A-1c, or D liquor permit premises and to provide access to the database to holders of those categories of liquor permits.

HB 276 ■ **UTILITY WORKERS** (Rezabek, J., Greenspan, D.) To expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility.

Economic Development, Commerce & Labor:

HB 263 ■ **OUTDOOR DINING AREAS** (Lanese, L.) To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation.

Energy & Natural Resources:

HB 272 ■ **HUNTING LICENSES** (Householder, L., Kick, D.) To allow a landowner's grandchildren of any age to hunt or fish on the landowner's property without obtaining a hunting license, deer permit, wild turkey permit, fur taker permit, fishing license, or waterfowl hunting permit, and to allow certain partially disabled veterans to receive a free license, permit, or wetlands habitat stamp.

Government Accountability & Oversight:

HB 262 ■ **STATE BUDGET (Butler, J., Romanchuk, M.)** To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook.

HB 274 ■ **VOTER REGISTRATION (Clyde, K.)** To modify the circumstances under which a voter registration may be canceled.

HB 277 ■ **EDUCATION APPEALS (Seitz, B.)** To stay the execution of certain judgments in favor of the Department of Education during the appeals process.

Health:

HB 273 ■ **ADMITTING PRIVILEGES (Gavarone, T.)** To prohibit a physician from being required to secure a maintenance of certification as a condition of obtaining licensure, reimbursement, or employment or obtaining admitting privileges or surgical privileges at a hospital or health care facility.

Insurance:

HB 268 ■ **WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M.)** To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law with respect to self-insuring employers.

HB 269 ■ **WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M.)** To rename the entities who carry out workers' compensation functions in this state, to require the Administrator of Worker Safety and Rehabilitation to develop incentives for employers to participate in safety consultations and loss prevention programs, to require an employee who is receiving temporary total disability compensation to comply with a return to work plan, and to make changes with respect to compensation for permanent total disability and death benefits.

Transportation & Public Safety:

HB 256 ■ **REGIONAL AIRPORTS** (Butler, J., Zeltwanger, P.) To create the Major Air Hub Council, to require the Council to construct two commercial service airports, one in Fayette County and one in Portage County, and to create the Southern Ohio Airport Authority and the Northern Ohio Airport Authority to operate the airports.

HB 257 ■ **ROAD NAMING** (Green, D.) To designate a portion of U.S. Route 68 in Brown County as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway."

HB 260 ■ **DRIVING PRIVILEGES** (Butler, J., Sykes, E.) To require a court to grant limited driving privileges to a person in relation to a driver's license suspension under certain circumstances.

HB 261 ■ **LICENSE PLATE** (Anielski, M., Roegner, K.) To create the Walsh Jesuit license plate.

HB 264 ■ **LICENSE PLATE** (Roegner, K.) To create the "Hudson City Schools" license plate.

HB 265 ■ **LICENSE PLATE** (Roegner, K.) To create the "Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools" license plate.

HB 266 ■ **LICENSE PLATE** (Roegner, K.) To create the "Twinsburg City Schools" license plate.

HB 270 ■ **ROAD NAMING** (Smith, K., Rogers, J.) To designate a portion of I-271 in Cuyahoga County as the "Captain Michael Palumbo Memorial Highway."

HB 275 ■ **BRIDGE NAMING** (Slaby, M.) To designate the bridge spanning the Tuscarawas River, that is part of State Route 93 in Canal Fulton, as the "Lance Corporal Michael Stangelo, USMC, Memorial Bridge."

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

State & Local Government

HB 229 DAY DESIGNATION (Romanchuk, M., Wiggam, S.) To designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day." (REPORTED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

SB 37 POLICE CHIEF TRAINING (Hite, C.) To require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed village, city, and township chiefs of police. (REPORTED-AMENDED (No testimony); 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

Prior to a unanimous report, Rep. Steve Hambley (R-Brunswick) sponsored an amendment that he said would alter the training requirements for law enforcement agencies and include university law enforcement in the bill's language.

SB 62 DAY DESIGNATION (Yuko, K.) To designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day." (CONTINUED (No testimony); 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)

Ways & Means

HB 24 VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS (Ginter, T.) To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501C(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces. (REPORTED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

The committee tabled a proposed amendment from Rep. Dan Ramos (D-Lorain) that would have inserted language stating a 501(c)(4) group may not have advocated for the election or defeat of any candidates in the prior election in order to be eligible for the exemption. Federal law permits 501(c)(4) groups to conduct political activity as long as it is not their sole purpose.

"I do have some concern of possibly someone saying fly-by-night we're here to help veterans then it becomes a place to push through dark money," Rep. Ramos said.

Republicans disagreed, voting in unison to table the amendment. Chairman Rep. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) and Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) said the bill is more narrowly tailored than Rep. Ramos was suggesting.

The bill pertains only to groups that would qualify for exemptions under 501(c)(19) - which are veterans' organizations - but happen to be organized as 501(c)(4)s, Rep. Scherer said.

"It's a very narrow definition," Rep. Scherer said. "The one organization this is aimed to assist already prohibits political activities in its charter."

HB 243 **HEATING FUELS (Patterson, J., Cera, J.)** To exempt from sales and use taxation the bulk sale of firewood and certain other heating fuels, and to reimburse the Local Government Fund and Public Library Fund and county and transit sales tax collections for the resulting revenue losses.

(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsors said the bill, in addition to exempting the bulk sales of firewood and other heating fuels from sales and use taxes, would reimburse the Local Government Fund, the Public Library Fund and county and transit sales tax collections for any resulting revenue losses. Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) said those heating fuels are a necessary product. Natural gas is not subject to those taxes, he argued, meaning that the bill would create a "level playing field."

"HB243's chief goal is to ease the financial burden on working families," Rep. Patterson said. "Ohioans across our great state continue to reel from the 2008 economic collapse, and recent pass-the-buck budgeting and tax shift policies have benefited the interests of the wealthy few at the expense of working families."

Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire) called the bill "a matter of fairness."

"This is a necessity," Rep. Cera. "A lot of people in my part of the state and in Rep. Patterson's part of the state have no other options to heat their home."

Fielding questions from the panel, sponsors expressed a willingness to expand the bill's language to include other sources such as wood pellets or coal.

Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) asked whether sponsors would consider removing the language reimbursing communities since a similar reimbursement mechanism does not exist when it comes to natural gas sales.

"We'll consider a lot of things," Rep. Patterson said. "But I also know there's a tipping point. Our schools, our local governments, our county transit. We don't want to further cause economic distress among them but we'll consider anything."

Rep. Cera said he would like to review the forthcoming fiscal analysis before committing either way. "If it's minimal we certainly could go for that," he said.

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Aging & Long Term Care

HB 242 **RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Carfagna, R.)** Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments. **(CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)**

The committee adopted a substitute bill but stopped short of calling it up for a committee vote. Chairman **Rep. Steven Arndt** (R-Port Clinton) said that although the bill was marked for a possible vote committee members need more time to draft several potential amendments he expects will be offered. He said it's unclear when the bill's fourth hearing will take place given the focus next week in both chambers on finalizing the budget. Similar language from the Senate version **(SB 151)** was amended into the biennial budget **(HB 49)**.

The substitute bill makes a handful of modifications including a change making current law's mandatory annual cost of living adjustment of 3% effective until Dec. 31, 2017. **(Comp Doc)**

The sub version also shifts a pair of the bill's provisions to not take effect until Jan. 1, 2018. Those include language permitting, rather than requiring, the SERS board to grant cost of living adjustments for those receiving retirement allowance, disability benefits and survivor benefits, as well as language requiring the amount of a cost of living adjustment to be equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index not exceeding 2.5%.

The bill update also adds language allowing the SERS board to determine the number of years after which the recipient of an allowance, pension or benefit will be eligible for a cost of living adjustment.

Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development

HB 10 **CROWDFUNDING (Arndt, S.)** To permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances. (REPORTED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

The committee voted 10-0 to report the bill.

HB 199 **MORTGAGE LENDING (Blessing, L.)** To create the Ohio Residential Mortgage Lending Act for the purpose of regulating all non-depository lending secured by residential real estate and to limit the application of the current Mortgage Loan Law to unsecured loans and loans secured by other than residential real estate. (REPORTED-AMENDED (See separate story); 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 251 **SUBDIVISION INVESTMENTS (Greenspan, D.)** To increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys. (CONTINUED (No testimony); 2nd Hearing-All testimony)

Civil Justice

HB 223 **STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS (Dever, J.)** Relative to transfers of structured settlement payment rights. (REPORTED-AMENDED (No testimony) (On House calendar for Wednesday, June 21); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) won approval of an LSC technical amendment. The amendment was described as deleting the term "settled claim" because the use of the term in existing law has also been deleted. The amendment also added the phrase "to an assignee" to complete a clause in the bill.

HB 7 **MEDICAL PROVIDER IMMUNITY (Cupp, R.)** To grant qualified civil immunity to certain medical providers who provide emergency medical services as a result of a disaster; to provide that certain communications made regarding an unanticipated outcome of medical care, the development or implementation of standards under federal laws, and an insurer's reimbursement policies on health care are inadmissible as evidence in a medical claim; to provide that medical bills itemizing charges are inadmissible as evidence and an amount accepted as full payment for medical services is

admissible as evidence of the reasonableness of the charges; to specify the manner of sending a notice of intent to file a medical claim and provide a procedure for the discovery of other potential claims within a specified period after the filing of a medical claim; to provide that any loss of a chance of recovery or survival by itself is not an injury; death, or loss for which damages may be recovered; to provide civil immunity to certain medical providers regarding the discharge of a patient with a mental condition that threatens the safety of the patient or others; to require that governmental agencies that receive peer review committee records maintain their confidentiality; and to clarify the definition of "medical claim." (CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)

Rep. Robert Cupp (R-Lima) explained the substitute version, which he said makes significant changes based on concerns and suggestions from committee members. Among other things, he said the substitute allows the admission of amounts actually paid for medical procedures and removes the admission of the word "fault" in terms of an apology that may be issued by a medical provider.

The substitute, Rep. Cupp said, also raises the liability standard in cases when there may be a disaster that overwhelms the health care system. Such disasters would have to be declared by a federal, state or local authority, and the higher standard would also apply to advanced practice and registered nurses and emergency medical technicians, he said.

The new bill also includes changes that seek to limit the number of people named in malpractice lawsuits by establishing a timeframe through which additional defendants could be added later. Rep. Cupp said that change is intended to reduce the people who might be named but who had no significant role in treatment.

The substitute also addresses confidentiality of peer review, the sponsor said.

Rep. Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus) said there are positive changes in the substitute but questioned the language regarding apologies from medical professionals.

Finance

HB 102

SCHOOL FUNDING (Brenner, A.) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school

districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another. **(CONTINUED (See separate story); 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

HB 168

CEMETERY REGISTRATION (Stein, D.) To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

In addition to establishing a grant program for non-profit cemeteries looking to renovate and restore properties, sponsor **Rep. Dick Stein** (R-Norwalk) said the bill also updates cemetery registration language to reflect current practices.

The measure, which is based on an Ohio Cemetery Law Force report and recommendations from 2014, also allows cemetery trust funds to be bonded or insured with appropriate policies and permits trustees to invest funds pursuant to the Ohio Prudent Investor Act, he said.

"This concept is supported by the Ohio Township Association, the Ohio Cemetery Association, and the Catholic Conference," the sponsor said. "The goal of HB168 is to provide an additional funding stream and provide needed assistance for the care and maintenance of public cemeteries; as this important responsibility is mandated by law."

Funding for the proposed grant program would come from \$1 of each burial permit fee, Mr. Stein told the committee. Money will be added to the fund until it reaches \$100,000.

Answering questions from the panel, he said there is no concern among stakeholders that the permit fee fund would be negatively impacted by the shift in dollars and cemeteries could only restore their properties and not use grant dollars to complete basic maintenance.

Criminal Justice

HB 125

COURT JURISDICTIONS (Craig, H., Seitz, B.) To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court. **(REPORTED (No testimony) On House calendar Wednesday, June 21; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)**

HB 137

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING (Kent, B.) To make municipal and county peace officers mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect. **(CONTINUED-AMENDED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)**

The panel adopted an amendment offered by **Rep. Bernadine Kent** (D-Columbus) to expand mandatory reporting requirements to all law enforcement officials.

HB 215

PAULDING COURTS (Riedel, C.) To create the Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 2019, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding County County Court on that date, to designate the Paulding County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Paulding County

Municipal Court, and to provide for the election for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2018. (CONTINUED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 48

WAR RELICS (Schaffer, T.) To prohibit a war relic that is located on public property or on the property of a cemetery association from being sold or otherwise disposed of, or destroyed, relocated, removed, altered, or otherwise disturbed, except under certain circumstances. (CONTINUED-AMENDED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Before hearing testimony, the committee adopted an amendment offered by Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) to limit the definition of war relics.

Sponsoring **Rep. Tim Schaffer** (R-Lancaster) welcomed the change, saying it will help tailor the legislation to prevent "unscrupulous private dealers and collectors" from hiding war relics from the public.

"It is far from uncommon for these collectors to approach cash-strapped local governments or cemetery associations and offer them what seems like a sizable amount of money for their historic cannons," he said.

"For some of these organizations, it can be an offer too good to pass up. They can erase a deficit by liquidating one of their assets, which may appear on the surface to be a reasonable financial strategy to pursue."

But **Rep. Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) called for a *mens rea* requirement to be added to the legislation. "I think the defendant needs to know that this is a war relic and is on public property," he said.

While Rep. Schaffer said dealers and collectors know what they are doing, he said he would be open to such an amendment.

HB 92

PUBLIC INDECENCY (Schaffer, T.) To require an offender who knowingly commits the offense of public indecency under certain circumstances involving exposure of private parts likely to be viewed by minors and for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification to register as a Tier I sex offender/child-victim offender. (CONTINUED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 20

FELONY SENTENCES (Hackett, B.) To require an additional prison term of 3 to 8 years for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsoring **Sen. Bob Hackett** (R-London) told the story of Destiny Shepherd, who was shaken so badly that she now has permanent disabling brain injuries. Her assailant faced a maximum sentence of eight years.

Under the measure, courts would be required to tack on a mandatory three to eight years in cases involving felony child endangering or felonious assault on a child who suffers permanent disabling harm as a result.

"Destiny's assailant has since been released from prison while Destiny continues to serve a life sentence due to her permanent brain injuries," he said. "These crimes often involve very

young and vulnerable victims who are unable to protect themselves and it is my hope that with this increased penalty that we can prevent and help deter another tragic case like Destiny's."

SB 4 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Kunze, S., Oelslager, S.)** To allow a person who is found not guilty of an offense or who is the defendant named in a dismissed criminal charge to apply for a court order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the charge or not guilty finding was the result of the applicant having been a human trafficking victim, to allow a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of the conviction record of any offense, other than a specified disqualifying offense, the person's participation in which was a result of having been a human trafficking victim, and to allow intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

Sponsoring **Sen. Stephanie Kunze** (R-Hilliard) said the legislation will provide victims of human trafficking with a second chance.

"Despite the progress the state has made in the last few years, our legal system still creates the possibility of compounding the harm to victims," she said. "Because a defendant's information is still accessible as a court record after a dismissal or finding of not guilty, the potential exists for the victim to suffer significant harm if a potential employer or landlord should discover the record as part of a background check."

Under the bill, victims of compelled prostitution, like victims of human trafficking, would be permitted to apply for intervention in lieu of conviction.

"Courts currently have multiple options for prosecuting the perpetrators of these crimes and extending the application for intervention in lieu of conviction to victims of compelled prostitution would add another tool to the court's toolbox for providing adequate victim protection and services," she said.

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Public Utilities

HB 133 **DISASTER WORK (Ryan, S.)** To create the Disaster Relief Act to exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster. **(REPORTED; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)**

The committee unanimously reported the bill with little discussion. Several entities submitted written proponent testimony for this third hearing, including joint feedback from the Ohio Gas Association, the Ohio Electric Utility Institute, the Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association and the Telecom Association.

Those proponent groups argued that current regulation "impedes and burdens the administration of disaster response efforts."

AT&T Counsel Jon Kelly also wrote in support, saying the state should not erect "unreasonable" barriers to disaster recovery efforts. He said deploying those workers leads

to regulatory entanglements in a number of areas including state and local taxes, business licensing, workers' and unemployment compensation, and occupational licensing.

"A person sent in for a few days' work to restore power or telephone service (either landline or wireless) should not be treated as a regular Ohio employee," Mr. Kelly wrote. "And that person's employer should get a 'pass' insofar as Ohio business taxation and regulation is concerned."

The Ohio Municipal League and the Buckeye Institute submitted written testimony as interested parties. OML Executive Director Kent Scarrett said the bill "leaves several unanswered questions that concern Ohio's municipalities."

"How realistic will it be to monitor the individual employees of a business to determine if they qualify?" he asked. "What if an employee worked for another company in the previous year in Ohio and was not part of a disaster relief project? Will a list of employees and their Social Security Numbers be provided from the business to review if there was withholding in the prior year for any of them? We ask this legislation not be passed before these concerns can be addressed."

HB 239 ■ **SECURITY RESOURCES (Smith, R., Carfagna, R.)** To allow electric distribution utilities to recover costs for a national security generation resource. (**CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE (See separate story)**; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

HB 247 ■ **UTILITY LAW (Romanchuk, M.)** To require refunds to utility customers who have been improperly charged, to eliminate electric security plans and require all electric standard service offers to be delivered through market-rate offers, and to strengthen corporate separation requirements. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-Mansfield) introduced the committee to his bill, which would in part ban electric security plans and create a new Supreme Court mechanism for consumers that have been overcharged to obtain refunds.

Consumer advocates - including the Consumers' Counsel, AARP and other - have already endorsed the bill, which they say will drive down prices, while at least one utility - AEP - has expressed concerns about eliminating ESPs. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 26, 2017)

Rep. Romanchuk said ESPs were meant to be temporary in order to ease the transition into a deregulated market. He said the OCC has documented more than \$11 billion in charges through such plans approved by the Public Utilities Committee since 2000.

"At a time when lower prices in competitive electricity markets ought to be reflected in lower electric bills for Ohio customers, anti-competitive provisions of SB221 are depriving customers savings realized from competition in generation markets," the sponsor said. He further said the bill would clarify that state law forbids utilities and their affiliates from owning generation.

"House Bill 247 is pro-consumer, pro-business, and pro-markets," Rep. Romanchuk said. "It creates an environment conducive to continued business investment, economic growth and job creation."

The Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition on Tuesday issued a letter to lawmakers in both chambers and **Gov. John Kasich** supporting the proposal and bemoaning current energy prices.

"This situation exists because the ESPs allow these companies to engage in self-dealing among their unregulated parent corporation, unregulated subsidiaries and the regulated utility," the letter reads. "As long as ESPs are permitted, these companies will continue their attempts to increase profits by using them."

The committee asked no questions of the sponsor, but Chairman **Rep. Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) told reporters the bill is full of "intriguing points of view" and that it will receive the "same long due consideration" as other bills before the committee.

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Energy & Natural Resources

HB 225 **OIL GAS WELLS (Thompson, A.)** To allow a landowner to report an idle and orphaned well or abandoned well, to require the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management to inspect and classify such a well, to require the Chief to begin plugging a well classified as distressed-high priority within a specified time period, and to authorize an income tax deduction for reimbursements paid by the state to a landowner for costs incurred to plug an idle or orphaned well. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-All testimony)

Rebecca Clutter, a volunteer board member of the National Association of Royalty Owners Appalachia Chapter and founder of the Landowners for Energy Access and Safe Exploration, said she regularly hears about idled and orphaned wells discovered on private properties. Ms. Clutter said she has three on her own Medina County property.

"All three of these old wells are within 100 feet of my house. My adjacent neighbors all have similar issues with active leaks on their properties," she said. "Some of my neighbors have made it onto the plug list while others, including mine, have not. Of those that have made it onto the plug list, no timelines have been provided."

Ms. Clutter said she was advised that delays are related to a lack of funding.

"Bumping the percentage would certainly speed the process of improving the environment. The tax exemption portion of this bill removes the financial hardship from land owners and is critical for accurate reporting," she said.

However, she asked that the severance tax not be increase to pay for additional funding to the program.

Rep. Andy Thompson (R-Marietta) questioned how prevalent the problem of orphaned wells is in Medina County

Ms. Clutter said a nearby property of 19 acres has five wells leaking.

"Chatham Township is considered ground zero for this pretty much," she said.

In a related development Tuesday, the Senate added \$6 million to the well plug fund through an amendment to the biennial budget (**HB 49**).

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Economic Development, Commerce & Labor

HB 127 **STEEL WELDING (Perales, R., Dever, J.)** To establish in the Ohio Building Code requirements pertaining to structural steel welding and bridge welding.
(**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

William Woodward, president of the Iron Workers District Council of Southern Ohio and Vicinity, said the bill would eliminate fraudulent certification methods used by unscrupulous contractors by mandating on-site and in-person certification, as well as third-party welding inspections. He gave several examples that show the lack of certification oversight, including a deceased man's certificate being used for years after he died.

"Another way of cheating the system is to have someone take the test for you and then take it to a non-accredited facility for testing. This has resulted in Henry Wolfe, Robert Dash, Adam Barker, and Stewart Noon getting welding certifications," he said. "The problem is - these are three dogs and a cat that are legitimate certified welders."

The committee members asked many questions regarding the proper procedure for welding certification. Mr. Woodward explained that a certified welder ought to complete four years of school and then take a test at an accredited testing facility in the presence of a qualified inspector.

HB 193 **FLU VACCINES (Hagan, C.)** To prohibit an employer from taking an adverse employment action against a person who has not been or will not be vaccinated against influenza. (**CONTINUED**; 3rd Hearing-Opponent)

Dr. Sherman Alter, a member of the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, argued that the bill would prevent hospitals from fully protecting vulnerable patients from influenza.

"I do understand concerns over personal freedom that arise from workplace requirements for vaccination," he said. "However, patients have the right to safe healthcare, which includes prevention of hospital-acquired infections."

Before his hospital mandated employee vaccinations, Dr. Alter said, there was an outbreak of the flu in the neonatal care unit that was spread to the infants by an unvaccinated employee. He said vaccination requirements might have prevented that situation.

Many members of the committee expressed their concern about a universal, absolute vaccination requirement for employment. Chairman Ron Young (R-Leroy) expressed his discomfort at the idea that hospitals have a "*carte blanche*" to mandate vaccinations, and that such "draconian requirements" seem to infringe upon employees' freedom. Dr. Alter said that his hospital did allow exemptions for certain employees, and only two employees were ultimately terminated after much discussion with them and their families about their refusal to receive the vaccine.

Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin) was concerned that Dr. Alter was "downplaying" the risks of vaccination for individuals who have had Guillain-Barré syndrome or are pregnant. Dr. Alter replied that there is "no proven link" between vaccines and the syndrome, and he does not know of any adverse effects experienced by vaccinated pregnant women.

In response to Dr. Alter's anecdote of five reluctant pregnant employees whom he convinced to receive a vaccination, Rep. Lipps was suspicious of their unanimous acceptance and asked if Dr. Alter would call his actions "persuasion or coercion." Dr. Alter assured him that all he did was provide the women with information.

Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan (D-Youngstown) asked if Dr. Alter might be willing to accept an alternative to vaccination in the bill, such as the ability for hospitals to mandate the wearing of masks for the unvaccinated. Dr. Alter said it would not be nearly as effective as requiring flu vaccines, and it would be much more difficult to monitor and enforce.

HB 211 **HOME INSPECTORS (Hughes, J.)** To require the licensure of home inspectors and to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Pete Kopf, president of the Ohio Association of Realtors, supported the licensing of home inspectors to provide consumers with a basic level of protection against inspectors who perform poorly. He offered Kentucky's inspector licensing law as a good example of what should be established in Ohio law.

"The Kentucky Home Inspector Licensing Law requires home inspectors to be licensed and defines the requirements of licensure," he said. "My experience since the enactment of this statute has been the clarity in seeing how the Kentucky Licensing law brings a high level of consistency to home inspection reporting and ensures the quality of each inspector by setting minimum standards."

Rep. Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati) asked what happens under current law if an inspector performs an insufficient inspection. Mr. Kopf said there is generally a contract which will ensure that the consumer is reimbursed the cost of the inspection, but it does not help the consumer to recuperate the cost of the overlooked problem.

Anjanette Frye, treasurer of the Ohio Association of Realtors, emphasized the importance of the inspection process when consumers are buying homes.

"The home inspection report is one of the important components in determining the value, and condition of the property at the time of sale," she said. "Licensing home inspectors will provide consumers with a minimum basic level of protection in the largest investment they will make in their lifetimes."

Rep. Steven Arndt (R-Port Clinton) wondered how expertise could be ensured in so many disciplines, such as plumbing and electricity. Ms. Frye said the regulation will give inspectors a minimum level of expertise in all areas, and inspectors can request further review if an issue is outside of their scope.

Tiffany Meyer, president-elect of the Ohio Realtors, said the standards for inspectors should be enough to protect consumers and ensure quality, but not so stringent that there would not be enough qualified inspectors to meet demand.

"During strong real estate markets we need to ensure that we maintain a healthy level of available inspectors, but these are also the times consumers face the greatest risk with new entrants into the profession without the training or experience to properly serve the client," she said. "Certainly, the standards must be meaningful, yet attainable, and provide consumers a level of confidence in the inspector they have chosen and that there are adequate protections in place."

Chris Reese, treasurer-elect of the Ohio Realtors, provided an example of an unlicensed inspector costing his clients thousands, yet continuing to perform inspections with impunity and without oversight.

"If the home inspector's assessment is wrong, the homeowner may face thousands of dollars in repairs with no recourse against the inspector," she explained. "With no license to suspend or revoke, or additional education to be required, anyone that calls themselves a home inspector can continue to practice in this field."

Rep. Lepore-Hagan asked why anyone would be opposed to the bill. Ms. Meyer suggested there would always be companies that oppose expanded government regulation, but in this case it is necessary to protect consumers.

HB 230 **FLAG DISPLAY (Gonzales, A., Ginter, T.)** To prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-All testimony)

Retired Columbus Police Sgt. Daniel Guthrie told the committee that his housing association filed a formal complaint against him for his flying of the thin blue line flag. He claimed that the flag was not a "desecration" of the American flag, but a way to honor the sacrifice of law enforcement officers.

"With the deaths and illnesses of so many truly professional police officers throughout the United States protecting all individuals they most likely had never met before, the thin blue line flag provides those individuals from all walks of life a personally proud opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women in blue," he said.

HB 245 **CALL CENTERS (Bocchieri, J., Lepore-Hagan, M.)** To enact the Consumer Protection Call Center Act of 2017 to require the Department of Job and Family Services to compile a list of all employers that relocate a call center to a foreign country and to disqualify employers on that list from state grants, loans, and other benefits. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor Rep. John Bocchieri (D-Alliance) called the bill "pro-Ohio" and "job-saving," and said it ensures state taxpayer dollars are supporting companies that hire within the state.

"The state should not be bankrolling companies that allow our families and state economy to suffer in this way," he said. "I believe the strong disincentive of relinquishing a company's eligibility for state resources and contracts will go a long way to deter companies from outsourcing our call center industry."

Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) asked if a company that outsourced 25% of its call center employees would be disqualified. Rep. Bocchieri clarified that a company would have to relocate 30% or more of its employees to be disqualified from the benefits.

Co-sponsor Rep. Lepore-Hagan reiterated the economic dangers of outsourcing, and explained the additional risks regarding cybersecurity. She said fraud and identity theft are more prevalent in developing countries, where data protection laws are weak or non-existent.

"I want to emphasize that this is not an idle threat," Rep. Lepore-Hagan said. "To date millions of American citizens and numerous companies and other entities have been victimized by cyber-criminals who have obtained private data by hacking into or hijacking systems located in the Philippines, India and other nations that host call centers once located in the U.S."

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Federalism & Interstate Relations

HB 201 **CONCEALED WEAPONS** (Hood, R., Brinkman, T.) To allow a concealed handgun licensee to carry concealed all firearms other than dangerous ordnance or firearms prohibited by state or federal law; to repeal the requirement that a licensee stopped for a law enforcement purpose promptly inform an approaching officer if the licensee is carrying a firearm and provide for expungement of convictions based on a violation of the requirement; and to provide that a person age 21 or older and not prohibited by federal law from possessing or receiving a firearm does not need a concealed handgun license in order to carry a concealed firearm and is subject to the same laws regarding concealed firearm carrying as a licensee. (**CONTINUED-See separate story**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 228 **GUN LAWS** (Johnson, T., LaTourette, S.) To assign to the prosecution the burden of disproving a self-defense or related claim, to expand the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat before using force under both civil and criminal law, and to modify the Concealed Handgun Licensing Law regarding a licensee's duty to keep the licensee's hands in plain sight, the penalties for illegally carrying a concealed firearm or improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, and the posting of warning signs regarding the possession of weapons on specified premises. (**CONTINUED-See separate story**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

HB 233 **FIREARMS** (Becker, J.) To enact the "Decriminalization Effort For Ending Notorious Deaths (DEFEND)" to provide an opportunity for a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to avoid guilt for carrying a concealed handgun into a prohibited place if the person leaves upon request, and to penalize as disorderly conduct failing to leave upon request or returning with a firearm. (**CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE-See separate story**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 79 **FIREARMS TRAINING** (Retherford, W., Hagan, C.) To provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement agency to carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee. (**CONTINUED-See separate story**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Education & Career Readiness

HB 154 **COMMERCIAL DRIVER STUDENTS** (Smith, R., Manning, N.) To establish the Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid program and to make an appropriation. (**RE-REFERED**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute, amendments & vote)

The bill was re-referred to Rules so it can be sent to Finance, which reviews all bills with appropriations.

Ezra Escudero, Ohio Coalitions Director of Americans for Prosperity, opposed the measure, saying that government financing of a specific vocational program could result in cost increases.

"It's no accident that the cost of college tuition started to skyrocket as the federal government became more and more involved in the financing of higher education. Specifically, as the government began providing guaranteed loans to students, colleges responded by raising their prices, causing students to take on more and more debt," he said.

The same can be said for vocational programs as well, Mr. Escudero said. For example, cosmetology school prices have increased since students became eligible for loans.

"Rather than simply passing a well-intentioned program that will increase student debt and decrease affordability, Ohio should look towards alternative educational approaches that would increase access while not increasing costs," he said.

Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) said he didn't understand why the group would be opposed to the bill since it will provide jobs and, therefore, prosperity.

There are other ways to provide opportunities for individuals looking to earn a CDL, Mr. Escudero said, suggesting companies looking for employees cover the cost of training, offer signing bonuses and run co-op programs.

"We think more can still be asked of the industry to step up," he told the panel.

Rep. Smith also questioned the witness' comparison of the grant program to those for higher-education.

"I think it's a stretch to compare this type of program to a four-year college and the debt load of that," he said.

Mr. Escudero disagreed, saying that higher education institutions will be the ones offering the CDL training programs.

Meanwhile, Kent Trofholz, executive director of the Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools, applauded the bill.

"HB154, when enacted, will undoubtedly address the shortage Ohio employers are experiencing for trained CDL drivers," he said in written testimony, adding that the bill is "a part of a comprehensive effort to address current challenges facing Ohio businesses."

SB 8 **SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY & SAFETY** (**Gardner, R., Terhar, L.**) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security. (**REPORTED-AMENDED (No testimony)**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute, amendments & vote)

The committee accepted an amendment to permit districts that have receive funds under the school building emergency assistance program to be eligible for the program as long as they haven't also received funds through the classroom facilities assistance program.

HB 181 **SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS** (**Hood, R., Brinkman, T.**) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments. (**CONTINUED-AMENDED (No testimony)**; 3rd Hearing-Possible amendments)

Democrats objected to an amendment that was ultimately approved to make several changes to the bill.

A Legislative Service Commission representative explained that the updated version of the measure prohibits the use of AIR exams and prohibits the State Board of Education from adopting the use of common core standards. In fact, the amendment eliminates the board's authority from proposing standards that must be adopted by schools.

The wide-ranging amendment also allows parents to determine whether their children should be promoted to third grade after failing to meet required scores on third-grade reading exams.

Contracted individuals are prohibited from sharing personally identifiable student information under the bill as well.

Further changes include: removing references to scores in ranges of performance levels; revises the deadline by which the General Assembly must take action when standards are proposed; and revises the definition of norm-referenced.

HB 200 **SCHOOL CHOICE (Koehler, K.)** To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program. (**CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE**; 5th Hearing-Possible substitute & amendments)

The committee adopted a substitute measure from the bill's sponsor **Rep. Kyle Koehler** (R-Springfield) that allows students only to spend money in their proposed education savings accounts while they're attending K-12 schools.

~~Any money that was not used on tuition or education-related expenses by graduation would~~ be forfeited and sent back to the state, he said.

The latest iteration also keeps in place a 60,000 cap on the number of students who can use the voucher program and clarifies when students can apply and be accepted for the proposed scholarships.

Rep. Koehler said the aforementioned cap can be increased each year by 10% if the program is at 90% capacity.

"This should alleviate concerns in a large increase in enrollment and help budgeting in future years," he said.

Lawmakers spent most of Tuesday's meeting questioning those who testified on the bill, including proponents Larry Keough, associate director of education for the Catholic Conference of Ohio, Alyson Miles, deputy director of government affairs for the American Federation for Children, and Greg Lawson, research fellow for the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions.

The committee also heard from Stephen Dyer, education policy fellow for Innovation Ohio, who detailed his group's latest report, which criticizes plans to expand the state's voucher programs (*See separate story*)

Yitz Frank, Ohio director of Agudath Israel of America and Kathleen Knight Abowitz, an educator from Oxford, also provided written testimony on the bill.

HB 220 **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Leland, D.)** With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The bill would improve transparency by permitting the state auditor to track all taxpayer money received by private, for-profit schools, sponsoring Rep. Dave Leland (D-Cleveland) said.

Sparked by a recent editorial claiming the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow paid nearly \$200 million in management fees to for-profit companies owned by the school's founder, Rep. Leland said the bill clarifies that money charter schools receive from the Ohio Department of Education are public funds, and remain public even when they're paid to private companies.

"Ohio taxpayers deserve a full and complete accounting for every one of their hard-earned dollars invested in education, whether the money is directed to public school districts or charter schools," he said. "Charter schools and their management companies shouldn't be able to hide their spending of any of the public funds they receive behind closed doors." "Given the fact that Ohio is in the middle of an almost \$1 billion budget shortfall, it is now more important than ever to make sure taxpayer dollars aren't wasted or misused," he added.

Rep. Leland told the panel that management companies currently aren't required to provide detailed accounting unless charter schools send more than 20% of funding to them. That means there is no way to tell how the management company is spending state dollars to operate and maintain public schools, he said.

Rep. Leland said his bill doesn't attempt to judge whether spending is justified, but rather simply make details of spending public.

"I just want all the schools to be playing by the same rules and I want every tax dollar to be accountable to the taxpayers of the state of Ohio," he said.

Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) requested that the sponsor gather details about which types of charter school expenditures are made public and which are not.

HB 235 **EDUCATION PLAN (Gavarone, T.)** Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. (**REPORTED (No testimony)**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute, amendments & vote)

HB 21 **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Hambley, S.)** Regarding verification of community school enrollments. (**CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE**; 2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & amendments)

The bill's sponsor, **Rep. Steve Hambley** (R-Brunswick) explained the accepted substitute measure, which requires charter schools to review residency records monthly and report enrollment of an annual basis to be verified with the Ohio Department of Education.

Charter schools are permitted to set their own policies as to how to determine residency and what documents will be used for verifying it annually under the sub bill, he said.

School districts don't have a right to change or challenge the policy, but are permitted to challenge a residency determination, Rep. Hambley said. The latest version of the bill

creates a process including ODE and the superintendent of public instruction for settling a dispute between schools.

Matthew Dotson with the Ohio Education Association said the current reporting process is "flawed" and would be improved by the bill's provisions.

"Ohio's system of verifying the residency of charter school students is inefficient, invites inaccuracy and places an undue burden on local school districts," he said in written testimony. "Accurate reporting of the residency of students who attend a charter school is important because it determines how much funding a school district will lose as a result a student's transfer to a charter school."

"Currently, the responsibility for verifying the district residency of charter school students falls almost exclusively on individual school districts," Mr. Dotson wrote. "This approach is flawed because school districts cannot always get access to the proof of residency a student has submitted to a charter school."

Districts lose contact with students once they've decided to attend charter schools and aren't often notified when they move outside the district boundaries, he said.

Under the bill, charter schools would be responsible for verifying residency and districts would be able to review and dispute residency claims.

"Improving the residency verification process will serve the educational interests of school districts, charter schools, students and taxpayers," Ms. Dotson said.


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Legislative Committees

House Health (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-8114), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

- HB 131** **PHYSICAL THERAPY** (Gavarone, T., Reineke, B.) To modify the laws governing the practice of physical therapy. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- HB 184** **DENTISTRY** (Gavarone, T., DeVitis, T.) To authorize the provision of dental services through teledentistry, to require a proposal for creation of a primary care dental student component of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program, and to make other changes to the laws governing the practices of dentistry and dental hygiene. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & Interested party)
- HB 252** **AWARENESS MONTH** (Huffman, S.) To designate the month of January as "Blood Donor Awareness Month." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 231** **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Ginter, T., Sprague, R.) To require pharmacists to offer to dispense controlled substances in lockable or tamper-evident containers. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Transportation & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034), Rm. 017, 9 a.m.

- HB 74** **LICENSE PLATE DISPLAY** (DeVitis, T.) To specify that failure to display a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle that is required to display a front license plate is a secondary traffic offense and to establish a maximum fine of \$100 for such an offense. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- HB 188** **LICENSE PLATES** (Henne, M.) To authorize the owner or operator of a specialty kit car to display a license plate only on the rear of the car if the owner or operator pays a \$150 fee. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 190** **RAIL CROSSINGS** (Lepore-Hagan, M., Schuring, K.) To require vehicle operators to watch, listen, and stop for on-track equipment that may be approaching a railroad crossing. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)
- HB 206** **AIR COMMISSION** (Barnes, J.) To create the Commercial Airline and Air Freight Commission. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 219** **SPEED LIMITS** (Bocchieri, J.) To specify that a speed limit becomes effective at a reasonable distance from the appropriate sign giving notice of the speed limit. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)
- HB 250** **ELECTRIC BICYCLES** (Brinkman, T.) To establish requirements for the use of electric bicycles. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 255** **TOWNSHIP OFFICERS** (Hambley, S.) To authorize a township officer who serves a population of greater than 5,000 to make arrests for specified traffic offenses on interstate highways within and adjacent to the officer's territory

and to prohibit townships from using traffic law photo-monitoring devices on interstate highways. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

HB 124 **TAX LEVIES** (Brenner, A., Carfagna, R.) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 114, 9:30 a.m.

HB 189 **COSMETOLOGY LAW** (Roegner, K., Reece, A.) To make changes to the Cosmetology Licensing Law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 222 **VOTER ID** (Greenspan, D.) To specify that a concealed handgun license qualifies as photo identification for voting purposes. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 237 **ELECTIONS** (Pelanda, D.) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 226 **FIREWORKS** (Seitz, B., Sweeney, M.) To establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning July 1, 2020, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

Senate Government Oversight & Reform (Committee Record) (Chr. Coley, B., 466-8072), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

HB 103 **FISCAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS** (Reineke, B.) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 31 **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING** (Cupp, R.) To abolish the Government Contracting Advisory Council. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- SB 163** COUNTY INVESTMENTS (Wilson, S.) To modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 115** ROOFING CONTRACTORS (Bacon, K., Hackett, B.) To require the registration of roofing contractors. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 149** POLLING PLACES (LaRose, F.) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 97** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LaRose, F., Yuko, K.) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

- HB 99** PNEUMOCONIOSIS CLAIMS (Cera, J.) To modify workers' compensation benefit amounts for occupational pneumoconiosis claims and to create the Occupational Pneumoconiosis Board to determine medical findings for such claims. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Higher Education & Workforce Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 115, 11 a.m.

- HB 58** CURSIVE HANDWRITING (Brenner, A., Slaby, M.) To require instruction in cursive handwriting. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

- HB 166** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Reineke, B., Cupp, R.) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

- SB 3** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Beagle, B., Balderson, T.) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

- HB 240** MONTH DESIGNATION (Barnes, J.) To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to designate the month of April as "Respect Your Date Month" and to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

House Community & Family Advancement (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 3 p.m.

HB 204 GRANTS DEPARTMENT (Barnes, J.) To create the Department of Grants and Philanthropic Gestures. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 187 APPLICANT INFORMATION (Dever, J.) To regulate the collection, use, and retention of certain information obtained from an applicant during the employee selection process. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)

House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (Committee Record) (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 116, 4 p.m. or after session

HB 192 VETERAN COMMISSIONS (Miller, A., Anielski, M.) To permit county veterans service commissions to elect to add two members to the commission, one who is a veteran who served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, or subsequently in those theaters of operation, and one who is a military spouse. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 238 VETERANS WAIVER (Retherford, W., Brenner, A.) To establish the Veterans Fee Waiver Program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 254 POW/MIA FLAG (Wiggam, S.) To enact the POW/MIA Remembrance Act requiring the POW/MIA flag to be displayed at certain buildings operated by the state on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans' Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Agency Calendar

Casino Control Commission, Lobby Hearing Rm., 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Construction Industry Licensing Board, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, OCILB Conference Room, Reynoldsburg, 10 a.m. (Administrative Section)

ABLE Account Advisory Board, 77 S. High St., Rm. 1952, Columbus, 11 a.m.
Small Business Advisory Council, The Carlisle Building, 9 South Paint Street, Chillicothe, 11 a.m.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

State Dental Board, 77 S. High St., 19th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

Event Planner

Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Athletic Club, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 7:30 a.m., (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Friends of Jonathan Dever)

Rep. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) fundraiser, OHROC, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500; Patron: \$350 to Steve Huffman for State Rep)

Rep. Michael O'Brien (D-Warren) fundraiser, Westies Gastropub, 940 S. Front St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Friend: \$250 to Committee to Elect Michael J. O'Brien)

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Dear Lisa,

Thank you for reaching out to me about HB 176. I appreciate the supplemental information you have provided about why this legislation is necessary, and I will be sure to keep it on hand as the bill continues through the legislative process. Representative Thompson is incredibly passionate about this issue and is a great resource on education policy.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any future state legislative concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah LaTourette
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**Ohio moves forward on consolidating Lake Erie algae efforts (Associated
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**DeWine's experience: help or hindrance in gov's race? (Cincinnati
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Ohio GOP preps for showdown over drug treatment (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/26/2017)

Ohio senator asks for - and gets - a Twitterful (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/26/2017)

4 Ohio companies, including 2 in Cleveland, receive job-creation tax credits (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/26/2017)

Gerrymandering limits Democrats' political clout in Ohio, but is not the reason for GOP majority: AP finds (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/26/2017)

Obamacare reform poses twist that could cost Ohio hundreds of millions (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/26/2017)

Ohio Gov. John Kasich criticizes Senate health care bill (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/26/2017)

Democrat chairman takes aim at DeWine as 'status quo' (Columbus Dispatch, 6/26/2017)

ECOT continues tax-funded ad blitz despite layoff announcement (Columbus Dispatch, 6/26/2017)

Ohio labor, business groups oppose Senate raid of budget funds (Columbus Dispatch, 6/26/2017)

Ohio Politics Today: State's newest congressman looks back at first year, JobsOhio blunder as big as the moon (Dayton Daily News, 6/26/2017)

Pence to visit Cleveland-area manufacturer on Wednesday (Dayton Daily News, 6/26/2017)

What people are saying about Mike DeWine's run for governor (Dayton Daily News, 6/26/2017)

Ohio lawmakers air concerns about GOP health proposal (Toledo Blade, 6/26/2017)

Supreme Court case could alter Ohio's political map (Toledo Blade, 6/26/2017)

Senate health care bill would worsen opioid crisis, lawmakers say (Youngstown Vindicator, 6/26/2017)

EDITORIALS

At the Statehouse, a pattern of neglect (Akron Beacon Journal, 6/26/2017)

2018 Ohio gubernatorial scramble revs up after next week's budget signing: Thomas Suddes (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/26/2017)

Column: Next governor to inherit strength, challenges (Columbus Dispatch, 6/26/2017)

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Health-care bill is a test for Mr. Portman (Toledo Blade, 6/26/2017)

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HOUSE E-CLIPS

6/26/2017



OHIO MOVES FORWARD ON CONSOLIDATING LAKE ERIE ALGAE EFFORTS

Ohio's environmental regulators who pledged to drastically cut what's feeding the harmful algae in Lake Erie will consolidate oversight of the work to help make sure money is well spent and research isn't overlapping.

CINCINNATI CONSIDERS ALLOWING MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES

Cincinnati officials this week will consider whether the city should join those allowing medical marijuana cultivation as the state begins to permit it.

GOVERNMENT WEBSITES HACKED WITH PRO-ISLAMIC STATE RANT

Government websites, many of them in Ohio, were hacked Sunday with a message that purports to be supportive of the Islamic State terrorist group.

GOP'S DEWINE MAKES OHIO GOVERNOR BID IN POST-TRUMP WORLD

In the era before President Donald Trump, Republican Mike DeWine's status as an easy favorite to win Ohio's governor's race would have been assured.

CONSERVATION ADVISER CRITICIZES GOV. KASICH IN RESIGNATION

A top conservation adviser to Gov. John Kasich resigned and issued a letter criticizing the state's Department of Natural Resources.

KASICH: US SENATE NEEDS TO FIX VERSION OF HEALTH CARE BILL

Ohio Gov. John Kasich says the U.S. Senate needs to fix its version of a bill to overhaul the American Care Act with bipartisan cooperation.

BILL CALLS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OHIO AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Backers of a proposed Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame say the birthplace of the Wright brothers should honor its flight pioneers as other states do.

OHIO KILLER WHO SURVIVED EXECUTION WANTS NEXT TRY BLOCKED

A convicted Ohio killer who survived a botched execution attempt in 2009 is asking a federal judge to prevent a second trip to the state's death chamber.

ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDS FINANCIAL EDUCATION IN HIGH SCHOOL

An advisory group that reviews debt-collection practices for unpaid student loans at Ohio's public colleges has recommended that high school students receive financial literacy education.

MILITARY, OVERSEAS BALLOTS AVAILABLE FOR AUGUST ELECTION

Military and overseas ballots are now available for Ohio's special election on Aug. 8.

AP ANALYSIS FINDS PARTISAN MAP-MAKING ADVANTAGE IN OHIO

A political map-making process controlled by Ohio Republicans resulted in the party winning nearly two more U.S. House seats and five more Ohio House seats in the last election than would have been expected in neutral circumstances, an Associated Press analysis has found.

OHIO EPA SUES FOR CLEANUP COSTS FOR TAINTED WATER SUPPLY

The Ohio Environmental Protection agency has sued the estate of a manufacturing plant's property owner to recoup costs for overseeing the cleanup of a central Ohio village's water supply when it was contaminated more than 20 years ago.

The Columbus Dispatch
Ohio's Greatest Online Newspaper

OHIO GOVERNMENT WEBSITES HACKED WITH PRO-ISIS MESSAGE

The state is working to restore 10 websites that were hacked Sunday afternoon.

SHOULD OHIO AUTOMATICALLY RELEASE INMATES IF PRISONS TOO CROWDED?

A proposed sweeping rewrite of Ohio's criminal laws includes a provision that would allow the state to release hundreds of low-level, nonviolent inmates when the prison population hits 47,000.

DEWINE ANNOUNCES FOR GOVERNOR, STRESSES BETTER SCHOOLS, FIGHT AGAINST OPIOIDS

Long-harbored plans finally were acknowledged Sunday afternoon featuring a candidate and down-home setting familiar to generations of Ohio Republicans.

GOV. KASICH DOESN'T LIKE GOP HEALTH-CARE BILL, SAYS 'FIX IT'

Ohio Gov. John Kasich said Sunday he is "against" the Senate Republican leadership's health-care bill as written, although he said he is "encouraging" lawmakers to "fix it" and not "rush" into passing the measure this week.

OHIO LABOR, BUSINESS GROUPS OPPOSE SENATE RAID OF BUDGET FUNDS

A decision by Senate Republicans to use funds from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Ohio Industrial Commission to help balance the new two-year state budget has drawn united opposition from the state's major business associations, the Ohio AFL-CIO and trial attorneys.

UPDATED: WHO IS RUNNING FOR WHICH OFFICE IN OHIO

With DeWine's announcement for governor on Sunday, here's a look at who plans to run for statewide office in 2018.

DEMOCRATS PICK CANAL WINCHESTER LAWYER TO FILL OHIO HOUSE

VACANCY

A Canal Winchester lawyer has been selected to fill a vacancy in the Ohio House of Representatives.

ECOT CONTINUES TAX-FUNDED AD BLITZ DESPITE LAYOFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Even after ECOT announced that it will lay off 350 workers within weeks, the internet charter school continues to use taxpayer dollars for a barrage of television ads attacking the Ohio Department of Education's decision to claw back \$60.4 million because of the charter's poor attendance records.

COULD THE 2000 ELECTION DEBACLE IN FLORIDA HAPPEN IN OHIO?

"We don't want to be another Florida."

EDITORIAL: WAR LAUNCHED AGAINST OPIATES

It's impossible to overstate the scope of the public-health crisis that is gripping Ohio.

Dayton Daily News

www.daytondailynews.com

MIKE DEWINE RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced on Sunday that he is running for Ohio governor, putting him in contention against two other statewide officials and a U.S. congressman seeking the Republican nomination in 2018.

GOV. JOHN KASICH'S WEBSITE HACKED

Ohio Gov. John Kasich's website was hacked today by a group claiming to support the Islamic State.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT MIKE DEWINE'S RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Ohio Attorney General DeWine announced on Sunday that he will seek the Republican nomination for governor in 2018.

THE PLAIN DEALER

4 OHIO COMPANIES, INCLUDING 2 IN CLEVELAND, RECEIVE JOB-CREATION TAX

CREDITS

Four projects excepted to create 172 jobs - including 92 in Cleveland - received tax credits Friday.

OOPS. JOBSOHIO AD SAYS JOHN GLENN ORBITED THE MOON

Most Ohioans know this bit of trivia well: the late John Glenn was the first American to orbit the Earth.

OBAMACARE REFORM POSES TWIST THAT COULD COST OHIO HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS

Senate Republicans say through their healthcare bill that they want states to take more responsibility for Medicaid, and their bill says it will give them that flexibility.

MIKE DEWINE ENTERS GOP RACE FOR OHIO GOVERNOR

Finally spilling one of the worst-kept secrets in Ohio politics, Attorney General Mike DeWine entered the Republican race for governor in 2018 on Sunday.

GERRYMANDERING LIMITS DEMOCRATS' POLITICAL CLOUT IN OHIO, BUT IS NOT THE REASON FOR GOP MAJORITY: AP FINDS

Set aside a Republican-controlled process to gerrymander, and Ohio would have one or two more Democratic representatives in Congress and an extra five Democrats in the Ohio House, according to a new AP analysis of 2016 election returns.

OHIO GOV. JOHN KASICH CRITICIZES SENATE HEALTHCARE BILL

Ohio Gov. John Kasich on Sunday criticized the Senate's healthcare bill.

MIKE DEWINE MAKES RUN FOR OHIO GOVERNOR OFFICIAL: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

Republican Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced his bid to run for Ohio governor on Sunday. The Ohio governor's office website appeared to be hacked on Sunday, and displayed a pro-Islamic State message.

RTA MANAGED-CARE SALES TAX FIX STILL NEEDED IN OHIO BUDGET:

EDITORIAL

Still undone as Ohio lawmakers scramble to finalize a new two-year budget before the last one expires at midnight June 30 is a fix to keep Ohio counties from losing millions and to avoid a devastating revenue loss for sales-tax-aided transit systems such as the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

GOV. KASICH SHOULD VETO OHIO MEDICAID CUTOFF IF IT MAKES IT TO HIS

DESK: EDITORIAL

With national attention riveted on congressional attempts to gut Medicaid, some pernicious amendments to Ohio's must-pass 2017-19 budget bill may be flying under the radar.

2018 OHIO GUBERNATORIAL SCRAMBLE REVS UP AFTER NEXT WEEK'S

BUDGET SIGNING: THOMAS SUDDER

Likely passage next week of a state budget for the two years beginning next Saturday will be milepost 1 on Musical Chairs Boulevard, Ohio's thoroughfare to November 2018.

THE ENQUIRER

MIKE DEWINE'S EXPERIENCE: A HELP OR HINDRANCE IN OHIO GOVERNOR'S RACE?

A lot of Ohio Republicans know of Mike DeWine, Ohio's attorney general and a candidate for governor. He's embracing that, but his opponents in the governor's race hope to use it against him.

JOHN KASICH'S WEBSITE AMONG THOSE IN OHIO HACKED WITH PRO-ISLAMIC STATE MESSAGE

Several state of Ohio websites, including that of Gov. John Kasich, were hacked Sunday with a message that supported the Islamic State and opposed President Donald Trump.

OHIO GOP PREPS FOR SHOWDOWN OVER DRUG TREATMENT, MEDICAID EXPANSION

Ohio's GOP lawmakers say they are devoting millions to the fight against heroin and opioids, even as they propose stripping away insurance that helps Ohioans receive drug treatment.

CINCINNATI MOVES FORWARD ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION

Cincinnati took a step toward embracing the medical marijuana industry Friday, breaking with several Ohio communities that have already voted to ban its cultivation and sale.

THE BLADE

(One of America's Great Newspapers)

SUPREME COURT CASE COULD ALTER OHIO'S POLITICAL MAP

Ohio Democrats are closely following a new U.S. Supreme Court case that could outlaw partisan gerrymandering, potentially reshaping the state's electoral map from fractured Cincinnati to the snakelike sliver of a district that contains Toledo.

LUCAS COUNTY LEADERS PROTEST CUTS IN STATE BUDGET

Toledo and Lucas County officials united with leaders of other governmental agencies and unions Friday to protest the nearly \$1 billion in cuts made by the Ohio Senate to the proposed two-year budget.

OHIO LAWMAKERS AIR CONCERNS ABOUT GOP HEALTH PROPOSAL

Ohio's top political leaders from both parties united in their concern over Senate Republicans' plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

The Vindicator

EDITORIAL: LAND TRANSFER IN BIENNIAL BUDGET WOULD BENEFIT VALLEY

With only five days to go until the dawn of the 2018 fiscal year in Ohio, expect a heaping helping of fussing and fighting among state legislators over the contours of the 2018-19 biennial budget in the week ahead.

EDITORIAL: HOPEFUL SIGNS WITH UPTICK IN Y'TOWN READING SCORES

Five years ago to the day, Ohio Gov. John R. Kasich signed into law a bill that included the Third Grade Reading Guarantee with this unequivocal statement.

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SALES TAX CHANGE, CUTS THREATEN SARTA'S PLANS

Kirt Conrad, executive director of the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority, has big plans for the transit agency.

THE NUMBERS THAT MATTER IN OHIO'S BUDGET PROCESS

Republican lawmakers and Gov. John Kasich's administration believe they are in striking distance on a biennial budget deal that funds needed government services and makes adjustments for lower-than-earlier-expected tax collections and other projections.

PAYING TO BUILD THE VILLAGE

The proposed state budget could mean more local public funding for Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village.

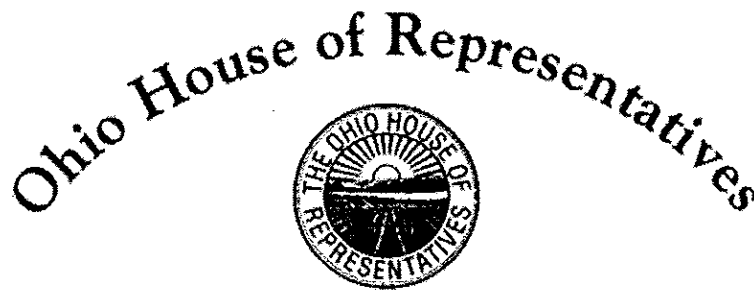
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Subject: REMINDER: Co-Sponsor Request Maternal Healthcare Act For Young Mothers

**REMINDER: DEADLINE TO CO SPONSOR IS TOMORROW
6/28 COB**



State Representative Kristin Boggs
State Representative Nickie Antonio

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REPRESENTATIVES KRISTIN BOGGS & NICKIE ANTONIO

DATE: JUNE 16, 2017

RE: MATERNAL HEALTHCARE ACT FOR YOUNG MOTHERS

We will soon introduce legislation that will allow pregnant minors to consent to prenatal through delivery health care in order to achieve the best possible health outcomes for the pregnant minor and her unborn child.

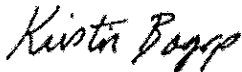
Too often pregnant minors that want to continue their pregnancy become estranged from their family. As a result, the pregnant minor may not be able to seek and receive adequate prenatal health care because her guardian will not accompany her to medical appointments and provide the necessary consent.

While Ohio law currently provides a process for minors to be judicially emancipated for the purpose of being able to make their own medical decisions, there are too many pregnancy-related medical conditions that need to be addressed immediately in order to have the best health outcomes. For example, a pregnant minor may go to

an emergency room when she begins labor and find out for the first time that the baby is positioned in a such a way that having a cesarean section is the safest way to give birth. Unfortunately, under current Ohio law, a doctor cannot perform the cesarean section without parental consent, until her delivery condition is considered a "medical emergency". This unnecessarily puts the health of the mother and the unborn child in a compromising situation.

This legislation will allow the pregnant minor to consent to the best delivery and prenatal care that will help keep her, and her baby, healthy.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, or if you have any questions, please contact Serena Finlay at Serena.Finlay@ohiohouse.gov by 5pm June 28th.



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**132ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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HOUSE CALENDAR

THURSDAY - JULY 6, 2017 - 9:00 AM

Bills for Third Consideration

Am. Sub. S. B. No. 8 – Senators Gardner, Terhar

Cosponsors: Senators Beagle, Eklund, Hite, Brown, Manning, Oelslager, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Dolan, Hackett, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Schiavoni, Sykes, Tavares, Thomas, Wilson, Yuko Representatives Gavarone, Hambley

To enact section 3318.39 of the Revised Code to establish the 1:1 School Facilities Option Program as an alternative to assist certain school districts in constructing, acquiring, reconstructing, or making additions or repairs to any feature of a classroom facility.

(House committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 565.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 401.)

(Senate committee on Education recommends substitute bill for passage, see Senate Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 400.)

H. B. No. 233 – Representative Becker

Cosponsors: Representatives Antani, Arndt, Blessing, Brenner, Brinkman, Butler, Carfagna, Dean, Dever, Duffey, Faber, Gavarone, Ginter, Goodman, Greenspan, Hagan, Hambley, Henne, Hill, Hood, Householder, Huffman, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Landis, LaTourette, Lipps, McColley, Merrin, Patton, Pelanda, Perales, Rezabek, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Speaker Rosenberger, Representatives Schaffer, Scherer, Schuring, Seitz, Slaby, Smith, R., Sprague, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Wiggam, Young, Zeltwanger

To amend sections 2917.11, 2923.11, 2923.12, 2923.121, 2923.122, 2923.123, 2923.126, and 2923.1212 of the Revised Code to enact the "Decriminalization Effort For Ending Notorious Deaths (DEFEND)" to provide an opportunity for a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to avoid guilt for carrying a concealed handgun into a prohibited place if the person leaves upon request, and to penalize as disorderly conduct failing to leave upon request or returning with a firearm.

(Pending Committee Report.)

(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)

Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

H. B. No. 24 – Representative Ginter

Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Retherford, Ryan

To amend section 5709.17 of the Revised Code to modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Seitz

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

H. B. No. 58 – Representatives Brenner, Slaby

Cosponsors: Representatives Perales, Zeltwanger, Vitale, Hambley, Conditt, Young, Roegner, Riedel, Thompson, Dean, Cupp, Keller, Blessing

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to require instruction in cursive handwriting.

(Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 567.)

H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

Am. H. B. No. 116 – Representative Merrin

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Boccieri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

H. B. No. 122 – Representatives Hambley, Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Smith, K., Sheehy

To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 451.)

H. B. No. 133 – Representative Ryan

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Hill, Carfagna, Goodman, Seitz, Schaffer, Lipps, Arndt, Green, Ginter, Slaby, Cupp, Dean, Reineke, Miller

To amend sections 111.16, 718.01, 718.05, 1329.01, 4123.01, 4141.42, 5741.02, 5747.01, and 5751.01 and to enact sections 1701.041, 4799.04, and 5703.94 of the Revised Code to create the Disaster Relief Act to exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with

respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster.

(Committee on Public Utilities recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 568.)

Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick

Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Boccieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

H. B. No. 159 – Representative Riedel

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Sweeney, Brenner, Dean, Cupp, Reineke, Blessing, Lepore-Hagan, Smith, K., Goodman, Thompson, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Reece, West

To enact section 5.292 of the Revised Code to designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 504.)

H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales

Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Boccieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

H. B. No. 194 – Representatives Johnson, Craig

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Arndt, Boccieri, Butler, Conditt, Dean, Dever, Ginter, Gonzales, Keller, Landis, Riedel, Ryan, Stein, Strahorn, Thompson, Wiggam, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Reece, West

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

H. B. No. 196 – Representative Lipps

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sprague, Riedel, Wiggam, Smith, R., Boccieri, Thompson, Sweeney, Lepore-Hagan, Antonio, Stein, Cupp, Miller, Huffman, Gavarone, Antani, Johnson

To enact section 5.2518 of the Revised Code to designate October as "Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 475.)

H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson

Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan,

Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Bocchieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger

To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

Am. H. B. No. 215 – Representative Riedel

Cosponsors: Representatives Manning, Celebrezze, Rogers, Seitz

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code to create the Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 2020, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding County County Court on that date, and to provide for the election for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2019.

(Committee on Criminal Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 569.)

Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

H. B. No. 229 – Representatives Romanchuk, Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, Smith, K., Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley

To enact section 5.261 of the Revised Code to designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

H. B. No. 235 – Representative Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, Cupp, Hambley

To amend section 3302.09 of the Revised Code regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

(Committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas

**Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

Am. S. B. No. 37 – Senator Hite

Cosponsors: Senators Uecker, Thomas, Sykes, Yuko, Williams, Brown, Wilson, Hackett, Bacon, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Gardner, Hoagland, Huffman,

**Kunze, LaRose, Manning, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Tavares,
Terhar Representatives Hambley, Perales**

To enact section 109.804 of the Revised Code to require the Ohio Peace Officer
Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for
certain newly appointed chiefs of police.

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal,
June 21, 2017, p. 566.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 256.)

(Senate committee on Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs recommends passage, see Senate
Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 195.)

S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze

**Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager,
Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan,
Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson,
Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson Representatives
Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette,
Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May
as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8,
2017, p. 209.)

Have a great evening!

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HOUSE CALENDAR

THURSDAY - JULY 6, 2017 - 9:00 AM

Bills for Third Consideration

Am. Sub. S. B. No. 8 – Senators Gardner, Terhar

Cosponsors: Senators Beagle, Eklund, Hite, Brown, Manning, Oelslager, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Dolan, Hackett, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Schiavoni, Sykes, Tavares, Thomas, Wilson, Yuko Representatives Gavarone, Hambley

To enact section 3318.39 of the Revised Code to establish the 1:1 School Facilities Option Program as an alternative to assist certain school districts in constructing, acquiring, reconstructing, or making additions or repairs to any feature of a classroom facility.

(House committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 565.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 401.)

(Senate committee on Education recommends substitute bill for passage, see Senate Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 400.)

H. B. No. 233 – Representative Becker

Cosponsors: Representatives Antani, Arndt, Blessing, Brenner, Brinkman, Butler, Carfagna, Dean, Dever, Duffey, Faber, Gavarone, Ginter, Goodman, Greenspan, Hagan, Hambley, Henne, Hill, Hood, Householder, Huffman, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Landis, LaTourette, Lipps, McColley, Merrin, Patton, Pelanda, Perales, Rezabek, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Speaker Rosenberger, Representatives Schaffer, Scherer, Schuring, Seitz, Slaby, Smith, R., Sprague, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Wiggam, Young, Zeltwanger

To amend sections 2917.11, 2923.11, 2923.12, 2923.121, 2923.122, 2923.123, 2923.126, and 2923.1212 of the Revised Code to enact the "Decriminalization Effort For Ending Notorious Deaths (DEFEND)" to provide an opportunity for a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to avoid guilt for carrying a concealed handgun into a prohibited place if the person leaves upon request, and to penalize as disorderly conduct failing to leave upon request or returning with a firearm.

(Pending Committee Report.)

(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)

Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to

employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

H. B. No. 24 – Representative Ginter

Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Retherford, Ryan

To amend section 5709.17 of the Revised Code to modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.111, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22, 1125.23, 1125.24, 1125.25, 1125.26, 1125.27, 1125.28, 1125.29, 1125.30, 1125.33, 1181.01, 1181.02, 1181.03, 1181.04, 1181.05, 1181.06, 1181.07, 1181.10, 1181.11, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1349.16, 1509.07, 1509.225, 1510.09, 1514.04, 1707.03, 1901.31, 2335.25, 3351.07, 3767.41, 4303.293, and 5814.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1103.01 (1113.01), 1103.06 (1113.04), 1103.08 (1113.12), 1103.09 (1113.13), 1103.11 (1113.11), 1103.13 (1113.14), 1103.14 (1113.15), 1103.15 (1113.16), 1103.16 (1113.17), 1103.21 (1117.07), and 1113.01 (1113.02) and to enact new section 1121.52 and sections 1101.05, 1103.99, 1109.021, 1109.04, 1109.151, 1109.441, 1109.62, 1114.01, 1114.02, 1114.03, 1114.04, 1114.05, 1114.06, 1114.07, 1114.08, 1114.09, 1114.10, 1114.11, 1114.12, 1114.16, 1115.02, 1115.03, 1115.24, 1116.01, 1116.02, 1116.05, 1116.06, 1116.07, 1116.08, 1116.09, 1116.10, 1116.11, 1116.12, 1116.13, 1116.16, 1116.18, 1116.19, 1116.20, 1116.21, and 1121.19, and to repeal sections 1105.06, 1107.01, 1109.60, 1115.18, 1115.19, 1115.25, 1121.52, 1133.01, 1133.02, 1133.03, 1133.04, 1133.05, 1133.06, 1133.07, 1133.08, 1133.09, 1133.10, 1133.11, 1133.12, 1133.13, 1133.14, 1133.15, 1133.16, 1151.01, 1151.02, 1151.03, 1151.04, 1151.05, 1151.051, 1151.052, 1151.053, 1151.06, 1151.07, 1151.08, 1151.081, 1151.09, 1151.091, 1151.10, 1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.13, 1151.14, 1151.15, 1151.16, 1151.17, 1151.18, 1151.19, 1151.191, 1151.192, 1151.20, 1151.201, 1151.21, 1151.22, 1151.23, 1151.231, 1151.24, 1151.25, 1151.26, 1151.27, 1151.28, 1151.29, 1151.291, 1151.292, 1151.293, 1151.294, 1151.295, 1151.296, 1151.297, 1151.298, 1151.299, 1151.2910, 1151.2911, 1151.30, 1151.31,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis

Cosponsor: Representative Seitz

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p.

Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

H. B. No. 58 – Representatives Brenner, Slaby

Cosponsors: Representatives Perales, Zeltwanger, Vitale, Hambley, Conditt, Young, Roegner, Riedel, Thompson, Dean, Cupp, Keller, Blessing

To amend section 3313.60 of the Revised Code to require instruction in cursive handwriting.

(Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 567.)

H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski

Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer

Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Bocchieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

Am. H. B. No. 116 – Representative Merrin

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Bocchieri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning

July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

H. B. No. 122 – Representatives Hambley, Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Smith, K., Sheehy

To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 451.)

H. B. No. 133 – Representative Ryan

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Hill, Carfagna, Goodman, Seitz, Schaffer, Lipps, Arndt, Green, Ginter, Slaby, Cupp, Dean, Reineke, Miller

To amend sections 111.16, 718.01, 718.05, 1329.01, 4123.01, 4141.42, 5741.02, 5747.01, and 5751.01 and to enact sections 1701.041, 4799.04, and 5703.94 of the Revised Code to create the Disaster Relief Act to exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster.

(Committee on Public Utilities recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 568.)

Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick

Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green

Cosponsors: Representatives Boccieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

H. B. No. 159 – Representative Riedel

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Sweeney, Brenner, Dean, Cupp, Reineke, Blessing, Lepore-Hagan, Smith, K., Goodman, Thompson, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Reece, West

To enact section 5.292 of the Revised Code to designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 504.)

H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales

Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Boccieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

H. B. No. 194 – Representatives Johnson, Craig

Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Arndt, Boccieri, Butler, Conditt, Dean, Dever, Ginter, Gonzales, Keller, Landis, Riedel, Ryan, Stein, Strahorn, Thompson, Wiggam, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Reece, West

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

H. B. No. 196 – Representative Lipps

Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sprague, Riedel, Wiggam, Smith, R., Boccieri, Thompson, Sweeney, Lepore-Hagan, Antonio, Stein, Cupp, Miller, Huffman, Gavarone, Antani, Johnson

To enact section 5.2518 of the Revised Code to designate October as "Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 475.)

H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson

Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Boccieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger

To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

Am. H. B. No. 215 – Representative Riedel

Cosponsors: Representatives Manning, Celebrezze, Rogers, Seitz

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code to create the Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 2020, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding County County Court on that date, and to provide for the election for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2019.

(Committee on Criminal Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 569.)

Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette

Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

H. B. No. 229 – Representatives Romanchuk, Wiggam

Cosponsors: Representatives DeVitis, Thompson, Sprague, Patton, Reece, Kent, Smith, K., Brenner, Sweeney, Hambley

To enact section 5.261 of the Revised Code to designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

H. B. No. 235 – Representative Gavarone

Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, Cupp, Hambley

To amend section 3302.09 of the Revised Code regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

(Committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 571.)

S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas

Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle

Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna

To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

Am. S. B. No. 37 – Senator Hite

Cosponsors: Senators Uecker, Thomas, Sykes, Yuko, Williams, Brown, Wilson, Hackett, Bacon, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Gardner, Hoagland, Huffman, Kunze, LaRose, Manning, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Tavares, Terhar Representatives Hambley, Perales
To enact section 109.804 of the Revised Code to require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for certain newly appointed chiefs of police.

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 21, 2017, p. 566.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 256.)

(Senate committee on Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 195.)

S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze

Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West
To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

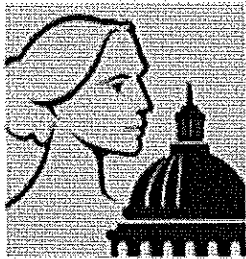
(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)

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From: Roger Beckett
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 4:24 PM
To: Rep76
Subject: Why Religion Belongs in the Classroom

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Friends,

I wanted to share an article I wrote for *Education Week*, a leading national paper on K-12 education.

**Why Religion Belongs in the Classroom:
Don't Shy Away from Teaching How Religion Has Shaped U.S. History**
<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2017/07/07/why-religion-belongs-in-the-classroom.html>

Here are a couple excerpts:

"To some, religion and the classroom are a toxic mix to be avoided at all cost. But should it be considered toxic when religion has played such an important role in shaping America's identity, purpose, and politics?..."

"Schools shouldn't run from the topic; they should embrace it. The better students understand the past, the better equipped they will be to face and shape our civic future."

The article features teacher resources in the Ashbrook Center's [Religion in American History and Civics Project](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support of our work at Ashbrook.

Best regards,

Roger L. Beckett
Executive Director

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From: Bobby Ina
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Bobby Ina
Subject: Sheet Metal Workers Local 33/SMANCA Cleveland Event
Attachments: Invitation_SMART 33 Tour_8_24_17_Updated.pdf

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Thanks!

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July 11, 2017

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August 24, 2017
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
12525 Corporate Drive
Parma, OH 44130

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President, SMACNA-CLE

From: NCSL TODAY

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 10:42 AM

To: Price, Ciara

Subject: State election officials fear feds are making security worse

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TOP NEWS July 13, 2017

State election officials fear feds are making security worse

Governing

Secretaries of state are concerned about not just the federal government's request for voter information but also the information they're not getting about election security breaches.

U.S. appeals court upholds Wisconsin's right-to-work law

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

A federal appeals court on Wednesday upheld Wisconsin's law that bars collective bargaining agreements requiring workers to pay union fees.

Five states face budget uncertainty in new fiscal year

Reuters

Connecticut, Wisconsin and Rhode Island's legislatures have not yet passed a budget, while Massachusetts' budget awaits action from state Governor Charlie Baker to either sign or veto it. NCSL's Erica MacKeller quoted.

Medical pot industry wants in on soaring pot sales

The Chicago Tribune

Sales of products containing CBD, or cannabidiol, increased 30 percent to \$262 million nationwide last year, according to the Hemp Business Journal. By 2020, the industry trade journal projects that figure



FEATURED

Commentator/pollster Frank Luntz featured speaker at Legislative Summit

Frank Luntz is one of the nation's foremost political commentators and pollsters. Known as the Focus Group Czar, he captures the attitudes of American voters on politics, policies and the direction of the country. He will speak during Tuesday's general session

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to leap to more than \$1 billion, with most of those sales from hemp, not medical marijuana. **NCSL research cited.**

California lawmakers delay climate vote amid push for affordable housing

The Los Angeles Times

While conversations over climate change have dominated recent debate at the Capitol, California lawmakers are accelerating bills to address the state's housing affordability crisis, and may vote on a series of measures before they break for summer recess next Friday.

State lotteries fight 'jackpot fatigue,' casino competition

Stateline

With lottery proceeds flat or declining, and states reluctant to raise taxes to make up the difference, pressure is mounting to keep players playing and money rolling in.

Capitol to Capitol state-federal newsletter

Friday webinar: Cybertechnology and the law

The Canvass elections newsletter

BLOG

States tackling 'balance billing' issue

The practice of a provider billing a patient for the difference between what they received in reimbursement from an insurance carrier and what they actually charge for their services is known as balance billing, or a surprise bill, and it's not uncommon.



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From: Westlake, Libby
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 8:52 AM
To: Westlake, Libby
Subject: E-Clips for 7/14/2017

HOUSE E-CLIPS

7/14/2017

The Columbus Dispatch *Ohio's Greatest Online Newspaper*

HEROIN, COCAINE ARE CHEAP, POTENT AND WIDELY AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT OHIO

Heroin, cocaine and other illegal drugs remain widely available throughout Ohio, often at bargain prices, a new state report reveals.

ABORTION CLINIC IN AKRON CLOSES, LEAVING 8 IN OHIO

Ohio is down to eight abortion clinics with the reported closure of Akron Women's Medical Group.

EDITORIAL: HELPING BUILD OHIO'S FUTURE

When George Voinovich first came to Columbus as governor, he brought a zeal for forging partnerships between government and private business interests to get things done.

Dayton Daily News www.daytondailynews.com

OVERHAUL COULD DROP THOUSANDS FROM SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Two decades after Ohio began labeling sex offenders on a public database and setting restrictions on where they can live, a major overhaul to the law is being proposed that could drop thousands of lower-level offenders off the list.

THE PLAIN DEALER

10 STRANGEST THINGS IN OHIO'S STATE BUDGET BILL

Every two years, the governor and state lawmakers decide how to spend billions of state and federal dollars on health care, education and other public services.

OHIO IS TRYING TO GET OUT OF OBAMACARE REQUIREMENTS

With little fanfare, Ohio is working on a request to President Trump's administration to end the Obamacare requirement that everyone have health insurance, as well as the mandate requiring employers to provide it.

ROB PORTMAN ONCE AGAIN ISN'T SAYING HOW HE'LL VOTE ON NEW HEALTH CARE BILL: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

All eyes once again are on Rob Portman during the Obamacare repeal and replace debate. A former Columbus lobbyist is out of prison. And what do elk hunting, pizza robots and alcoholic ice cream have in common?

THE ENQUIRER

JOHN KASICH BACKS MARY TAYLOR FOR OHIO GOVERNOR. WILL IT HELP?

Ohio's lieutenant governor wants a promotion to the top job, and she's counting on the backing of her boss to help her get there.

The Vindicator

A LOCAL TRADES COUNCIL ENDORSES JOE SCHIAVONI FOR GOVERNOR

The Western Reserve Building Trades Council, comprised of 23 unions in the Mahoning Valley, endorsed state Sen. Joe Schiavoni of Boardman, D-33rd, for governor Thursday.

EDITORIAL: KILL, DON'T DELAY, OHIO HOUSE VOTE ON MEDICAID OVERRIDE

Regardless of its motivation, the Ohio House of Representatives acted prudently last week in delaying any possible override vote of Gov. John Kasich's veto of a freeze on Medicaid expansion in Ohio.

From: Sarah LaTourette Kayser

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 10:18 AM

To: Price, Ciara

Subject: Fwd: Sheet Metal Workers Local 33/SMANCA Cleveland Event

Attachments: Invitation_SMART33_Tour_8_24_17_Updated.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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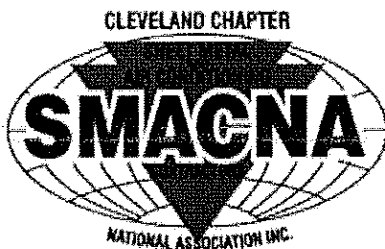
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From: Vernuccio, F. Vincent
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 1:57 PM
Subject: New Contact Info

Today I transition from a full time employee to a senior fellow at the Mackinac Center.

It has been an honor to work with a such great team and achieve so much together. I am going to miss the daily work with my friends at one of the finest and most impactful think tanks in the country.

However the fun doesn't stop and now I am consulting on labor policy and will be working with several groups in the near future.

If you would like to reach me my personal email is FvVernuccio@gmail.com .

Have a good weekend.

F. Vincent Vernuccio, JD
Director of Labor Policy
Mackinac Center for Public Policy

From: jeannemelvin@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Rep76
Subject: ALEC Conference

First Name : Jeanne

Last Name : Melvin

Address : 866 Beech Drive

City : Columbus

State : OH

Zip : 43235

Phone : 614.885.4628

Email : jeannemelvin@yahoo.com

Subject :
ALEC Conference

Message :

Betsy DeVos will be an ALEC featured speaker at its Denver conference that runs this week from Wednesday, July 19, 2017 - Friday, July 21, 2017.

Will you attend the ALEC Conference, and if so, who will pay for your time off in Colorado?

From: theresa laning
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 10:22 PM
To: Rep76
Subject: Are you going to Denver?

Sarah LaTourette,

I am writing to ask if you are attending the American Legislative Exchange Council's annual conference in Denver this month.

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chesterland, Ohio 44026

From: Kathryn Hanratty
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Rep76
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Kathryn Hanratty
kathy@enviroscapecsdesign.com
9059 Auburn Road
Chardon, Ohio 44024

From: Fred Welty
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:19 AM
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From: Rep76
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 11:41 AM
To: 'jeannemelvin@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: ALEC Conference

Dear Jeanne,

Rep. LaTourette is not attending the conference you have described.

Sincerely,

Ciara Price
Legislative Aide
State Representative Sarah LaTourette
House District 76
77 South High Street, 14th Floor | Columbus, Ohio 43215
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From: Rep76
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:48 AM
To: 'kathy@enviroscaresdesign.com'
Subject: RE: Are you going to Denver?

Hello Kathy,

I hope all is well with you.

Thank you for the inquiry. Representative LaTourette is not attending the conference you described, nor is she currently a member of ALEC.

Sincerely,

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From: Rep76
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:56 PM
To: 'Fred Welty'
Subject: RE: Are you going to Denver?

Hi Fred,

In the interest of transparency, Rep. LaTourette was a member during the 131st General Assembly, but chose to not renew her membership this General Assembly. Thank you for always being so actively engaged in the issues.

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Subject: Flurry of laws enacted on women's access to health care

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TOP NEWS July 24, 2017

Flurry of laws enacted on women's access to health care

Stateline

As Washington moved to reduce federal funding for women's health, the battle over affordable birth control and other women's health services shifted to state capitals.

'Trump effect' could cost states lost tax revenue

The Hill

Tax revenues dropped in states across the country in April as wealthy individuals waited for Congress to act on a promise to reform the tax code — a phenomenon some observers are dubbing the "Trump effect."

New Delaware law allows over-the-counter sales of overdose antidote

Wilmington News Journal

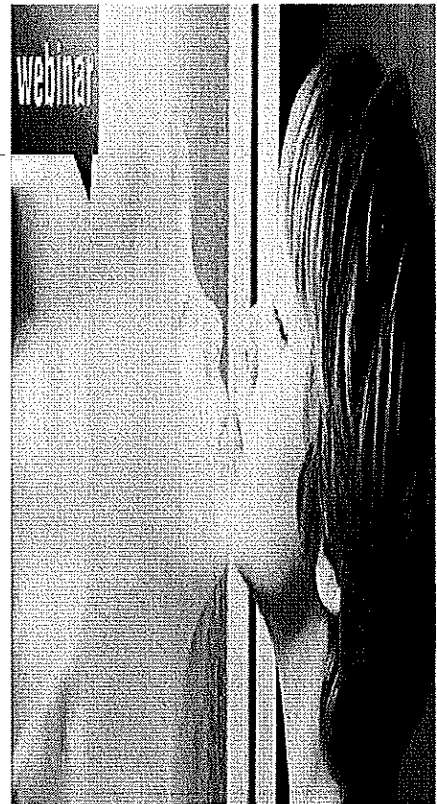
The signing of Senate Bill 48 by Gov. John Carney on Thursday in Dover allows anyone to walk into a participating Delaware pharmacy and purchase naloxone from a pharmacist so the overdose antidote can be kept bedside, as Russo-Avena's was, or in a first-aid kit.

NCSL resources on drug overdose immunity laws.

New Washington state law cracks down on distracted driving

Associated Press

Washington drivers will have to put down their phones or else face tougher penalties under a new distracted driving law that takes effect this weekend. NCSL's Amanda Essex



DISAPPOINTED

Wednesday webinar: Caring for youth with special needs, autism

This webinar will explore ways to overcome barriers to systems of care for children with special care needs including those on the autism spectrum.

NEW@NCSL

Featured session at Legislative Summit:

quoted.

NCSL resources on distracted driving.

Government says two-thirds of states adding jobs

The Hill

Thirty-three states have seen measurable increases in the number of nonfarm jobs over the last year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported, as the unemployment rate continues to fall nationwide.

In Navajo nation, bad roads can mean life or death

Governing

Native Americans who live on the reservation in Utah are used to having to fight for basic government services. But they'd at least like roads that can reliably transfer patients to the ER and kids to school.

Communicate to succeed

Energy, environment, transportation newsletters

LegisBrief: Relaxing school sunscreen restrictions

BLOG

To carry over or not?

Many legislative sessions have adjourned or are wrapping up for this year. Yet bills may remain upon which no final action was taken before session ended. What happens to these bills, you ask? Well, that depends upon the state.



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From: report@hannah.com
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To: DL Hannah
Subject: Hannah News Stories for Friday, July 28, 2017

Friday, July 28, 2017

IN TODAY'S HANNAH REPORT:

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Today's Stories

- [OBM Working on Agreement to Avoid BWC Transfer, Administrator Says](#)
- [Some Fair Rides Reopen; Husted Visits Fair](#)
- [PowerForward Panel Looks at Future of Energy Storage](#)
- [PUCO Conference Discusses Effects of Consumer-Generated Energy](#)
- [JCARR to Consider Medical Marijuana Rules](#)
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From: Rep58

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 5:20 PM

To: House_All

Subject: Co-Sponsor Request:

Attachments: Autonomous_bill Co-sponsor Request.pdf



MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representatives Michele Lepore-Hagan

DATE: July 28, 2017

RE: Autonomous Commercial Vehicle Safety Act

Dear Colleagues;

As you may know, many of America's largest technology companies and vehicle manufacturers are spending millions of dollars to research and eventually deploy autonomous/driverless passenger and commercial vehicles on roads and highways across our state and nation. The importance of this rapidly developing industry is underscored by the fact that Ohio's recently-passed biennial budget included funding for two new "smart highway" projects and \$45 million that will be used to test driverless cars and other vehicles at the Transportation Research Center.

While we should all be pleased that Ohio is striving to assume a leadership position in a field that will undoubtedly grow exponentially in the years ahead, I, along with many others are troubled by the impact autonomous vehicles may have on highway safety and jobs. Today, hundreds of thousands of Ohioans are employed by trucking companies and a vast array of trucking-related firms. For example, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 70,740 heavy and tractor trailer drivers earning an average of \$21.21 an hour live in our state today. Autonomous trucking threatens to wipe out their jobs and thousands more in the not-too-distant future.

In response to this threat to our economy and to ensure that our highways and roads remain safe for our families, I will soon introduce multi-faceted legislation that will

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We will soon circulate a draft of the legislation along with additional information about autonomous vehicles. Once the draft is circulated please contact Jordan Wolfe at Jordan.Wolfe@ohiohouse.gov or 614-466-9435 or Asha Ahmed at Asha.Ahmed@ohiohouse.gov or 614-466-2473 if you wish to add your name as a co-sponsor or the request additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Lepore-Hagan".

Representative Michele Lepore-Hagan
Ohio House District 58

Ohio House of Representatives



MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representatives Michele Lepore-Hagan
DATE: July 28, 2017
RE: Autonomous Commercial Vehicle Safety Act

Dear Colleagues,

As you may know, many of America's largest technology companies and vehicle manufacturers are spending millions of dollars to research and eventually deploy autonomous/driverless passenger and commercial vehicles on roads and highways across our state and nation. The importance of this rapidly developing industry is underscored by the fact that Ohio's recently-passed biennial budget included funding for two new "smart highway" projects and \$45 million that will be used to test driverless cars and other vehicles at the Transportation Research Center.

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Representative Michele Lepore-Hagan

Ohio House District 58

From: stateofohioccc@uwcentralohio.org
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:48 AM
To: LaTourette, Sarah
Subject: State of Ohio CCC Names Jim Tressel Honorary Campaign Chair



Dear Sarah Latourette,

The Combined Charitable Campaign (CCC) State Steering Committee is pleased to announce that Jim Tressel, former head football coach at The Ohio State University and current president of Youngstown State University will be the honorary chair of the 2017 CCC, which kicks off on Wednesday, Aug. 30.

State employees located in Columbus or Cleveland are invited to attend a kick-off charity campaign rally featuring charitable organizations, giveaways, a noon presentation, a meet and greet with Honorary Chair Jim Tressel, and more!

- Columbus – Rhodes State Office Tower Lobby, August 30, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Cleveland – Lausche Building 2nd Floor, August 31, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This year, employees were given an opportunity to share why they contribute to the Combined Charitable Campaign (CCC). Look for employee testimonials to learn why donating through the CCC is important to your colleagues. Testimonials will be featured in weekly campaign emails, online at Ohio.gov/ohioccc and in the charity campaign resource guide. The Combined Charitable Campaign State Steering Committee would like to thank the state employees who contributed personal testimonials to this year's campaign.

Employee contributions to the CCC make a difference in the lives of people in our community, our state, our nation and our world. Of the more than 1,500 charities participating in the campaign this year, there may be one or more whose mission is meaningful to you. Please join your fellow state employees in helping those in

need and supporting the partnership of labor and management by contributing to the Combined Charitable Campaign. Your contribution will truly be appreciated.

Those who make an online donation of \$2 per pay period or a one-time donation of \$52 on August 30 or 31 will receive an early bird incentive!

CAMPAIGN KICKOFF DONOR INCENTIVE

**Donate Online on August 30 or 31
to Receive a Special Gift!**

Requirements:

- * Make an online pledge on August 30 or 31, 2017
 - At least \$3/pay period; or
 - One-time donation of at least \$52.

Description: Plush bear w/keychain, approx. size 3"



**Thank you for all you do to support those in need.
Look for more CCC information in the coming weeks. Go to
Ohio.gov/ohioccc to access the charity resource guide, agency
campaign coordinator roster and more.**

kathy

From: kathy@enviroscaresdesign.com
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Rep76@ohiohouse.gov
Subject: RE: Are you going to Denver?

Hi Ciara,

Thank you very much for letting me know that Rep. LaTourette's plans do not include going to Denver for the ALEC conference. I am very happy to hear that and I am VERY happy she is not a member of ALEC.

Thank you
Sincerely,

Kathy Hanratty

Rep76@ohiohouse.gov

> Hello Kathy,

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> I hope all is well with you.

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> Thank you for the inquiry. Representative LaTourette is not attending the
> conference you described, nor is she currently a member of ALEC.

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> Sincerely,

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> Ciara Price

> Legislative Aide

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> From: Kathryn Hanratty [mailto:kathy@enviroscaresdesign.com]

> Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:42 AM

> To: Rep76

> Subject: Are you going to Denver?

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> Sarah LaTourette,

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> I am writing to ask if you are attending the American Legislative
> Exchange Council's annual conference in Denver this month.

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> has repeatedly put corporate profits above the desire of the American
> people.

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> By refusing to become a member of ALEC, you stand with the people you
> represent. People that play fair and work hard.

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> Kathryn Hanratty
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fdwelt

From: fdwelt@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Rep76@ohiohouse.gov
Subject: Re: Are you going to Denver?

Hi Ciara,

Thank you for that detail. It might be useful when I mention to others that Rep. LaTourette is not a member of ALEC and someone counters with out-of-date information. I do like to stay on top of issues. When I was an active schoolteacher, I did not have the time to follow current events as closely as I wanted. Now, I'm retired so I do have the time as well as the interest.

Sincerely,
Fred Welty

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 12:56 PM, Rep76@ohiohouse.gov <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov> wrote:

Hi Fred,

In the interest of transparency, Rep. LaTourette was a member during the 131st General Assembly, but chose to not renew her membership this General Assembly. Thank you for always being so actively engaged in the issues.

Sincerely,

Ciara Price

Legislative Aide

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Ciara.price@ohiohouse.gov

From: Fred Welty [mailto:fdwelt@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:02 PM

To: Rep76 <Rep76@ohiohouse.gov>

Subject: Re: Are you going to Denver?

Thank you, Ciara. What you have told me is consistent with my impression of Representative LaTourette as a moderate Republican. That is the reason I voted for her last year and plan to vote for her in the future.

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